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## County BZA to decide on solar project

**BY BOB DEMAREE**  
A decision on whether a special exception allowing a solar energy development in Saluda Township by Orion Renewable Energy Group LLC is expected to be announced at next week's meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Last Thursday, the BZA met for more than five hours in the Community Building at the Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds to hear a second night of public comments from those for and against the solar project that would encompass 3,324 acres of farmland near Paynesville in Saluda Township including a 2,050-acre operations area fenced inside of that. Called the Idlewild Solar Project, approximately 20 property owners have leased land for the approximately 472 megawatt power operation. At the conclusion of Thursday's public hearing, the BZA

voted to table the decision on the application to a 5 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19, once again in the Community Building at the fairgrounds.  
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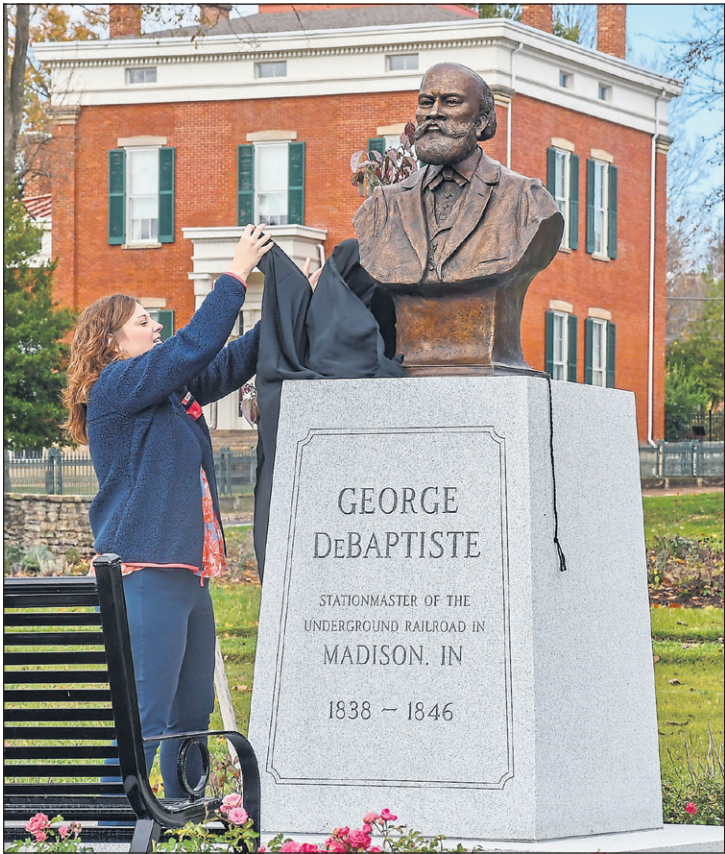
Bob Demaree  
The ribbon-cutting ceremony for Ohio River Legacy Park was held last Thursday. Pictured in the front row are Tony Steinhardt, the city's economic development director; Mayor Bob Courtney; Sue Livers; Kevin Kellems, Jefferson County's representative on the Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority; Bernadette Hamilton with her husband, Ed Hamilton, sculptor of the George DeBaptiste bust; Connie Partington, a member of the bust committee; John Staicer, Historic Madison Inc. president and executive director; Dick Jones and Allen Watson, members of the bust committee; Bill Barnes, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County; Parks Board member Phil Kahn; and Redevelopment Commission member Joe Craig.

## Ohio River Legacy Park celebrates Madison's rich history

**BY BOB DEMAREE**  
Land that once played a role in Madison's industrial past before sitting covered by rubble for decades, is now Madison's Ohio River Legacy Park celebrated Thursday with a ribbon cutting ceremony and unveiling of the George DeBaptiste sculpture.  
"Ohio River Legacy Park is an important riverfront enhancement thanks to great public-private partnerships that leverage several funding sources and ideas to create a new park for generations to come and a place to learn and reflect along the beautiful Ohio River," said Tony Steinhardt III, the city's economic development director.  
The \$1,153,737 park brings together parts of Madison's rich history connected by the Ohio River — the underground railroad, highlighted by DeBaptiste's efforts to transport slaves across the river to freedom, and the river connected industry that built Madison into a city in the 1800s and brought architect Francis Costigan to build and design some of the iconic homes in the community.  
The park was created on land that had been an overgrown vacant lot for decades following a 1953 fire that destroyed the building that at the time was a boat factory owned by Birl Hill. In the mid-1800s, the building was a planing mill, a part of the industry on Madison's riverfront that in 1850 made it one of the three largest city's in Indiana and among the top 100 largest cities in the United States.  
The story of Madison's industrial history will be shared in the park along with the city's role with the underground railroad to free slaves through the DeBaptiste sculpture that recognizes his role as an abolitionist and underground railroad stationmaster. The park also honors Costigan, the architect known for his Greek Revival style.  
"We've heard about George DeBaptiste and Francis Costigan, and you really dig into their history, and the fact that they were here together at the same point in time in history makes our history just that much more fascinating," said Madison Mayor Bob Courtney.  
DeBaptiste grew up in Virginia but as a young man moved in the mid 1830s to Madison in the free state of Indiana before moving again to Detroit in 1846. Costigan had been living in Baltimore until 1837 when he moved to Madison at a time when the community was a booming river port, and then moved to Indianapolis in 1851.  
"We are reminded of Madison's courageous role in the underground railroad and the remarkable work of George DeBaptiste, one of the most daring conductors of that movement," said Courtney. "From this very riverbank, George DeBaptiste helped freedom seekers cross into Indiana, guiding them toward new lives. His work was dangerous, yet essential and it is fitting that we honor those efforts and recommit ourselves to be a community that stands for freedom and liberty for all."  
On Costigan, Courtney said, "We can't help but be inspired by Francis Costigan's influence. His legacy lives on not only in the buildings that grace our historic district but in the spirit of preservation that this community and this administration so highly value."  
The park also includes a pollinator garden as a landscape for a healthier ecosystem while helping to make it as low maintenance as possible.  
The land, owned in recent years by Historic Madison Inc., was transferred to the city of Madison, and HMI worked with the city on the design and outcome. The project moved forward after funding was received from Destination Madison dollars the city is receiving from Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority through the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI).



Bob Demaree  
Sculpture Ed Hamilton stands next to the George DeBaptiste bust he created while talking with John Staicer (left), president and executive director of Historic Madison Inc., and Tony Steinhardt III, the city of Madison's economic development director, following last Thursday's unveiling at the new Ohio River Legacy Park ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Bob Demaree  
Emily McKinney, the city of Madison's associate director of economic development, unveils the George DeBaptiste bust during Thursday's Ohio River Legacy Park ribbon-cutting ceremony.

## DeBaptiste bust to watch over Ohio River in new park

**BY BOB DEMAREE**  
The unveiling of the George DeBaptiste bust — held last Thursday during the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Ohio River Legacy Park — has been years in the making.  
Connie Partington told how her love for history led her to learn about Madison's role in the underground railroad, and the need to honor DeBaptiste for all that he did. "He was a remarkable man and had remarkable courage. He was the station master here and Madison was the roughest spot on the Ohio River," said Partington, who was on a committee with Dick Jones and Allen Watson to recognize DeBaptiste.  
The bust is the work of nationally recognized sculptor Ed Hamilton who attended Thursday's event with his wife, Bernadette. He had been commissioned to create the DeBaptiste sculpture approximately 10 years ago.  
Partington had high praise for Hamilton. "As we searched for an artist to take on this endeavor I had heard about this wonderful internationally known sculptor Ed Hamilton who was in Louisville Kentucky. I contacted Ed and we have been friends ever since as he created this unbelievable bronze bust that you see before you."  
Hamilton's other public art sculptures include Abraham Lincoln at Waterfront Park in Louisville, Booker T. Washington in Hampton, Virginia, Joe Louis in Detroit, and more.  
"I feel so blessed to have been able to have created these icons to be able to put them out so people will know these stories," said Hamilton. "We have to be able to know our history, and we don't want to rewrite it. We have to tell it like it is. And so I wish you all will be pleased with what we've done."  
Hamilton said once he knew the history of DeBaptiste, that "peaked my interest" in wanting to create the bust because he felt a connection. Hamilton noted that he grew up on Walnut Street in Louisville, so it meant something to him knowing DeBaptiste lived on Walnut Street in Madison. Also, DeBaptiste's profession was a barber and Hamilton grew up in a tailor and barber shop — his father was tailor and his mother was a barber.  
Partington moved from Cleveland to Madison in 1999, and said it was through her love of history in the early 2000s that she became "mesmerized" with the underground railroad. "I had the honor of meeting both Jae Breitweiser and Sue Livers, history running deep in their veins, too, to say the least."  
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OBITUARIES

Sondra Jo Welch Ayler

Sondra Jo Welch Ayler, age 78, of Madison, IN, (Manville) entered this life on May 27, 1946 in Milton, KY. She was the loving daughter of Roy and Ruth Welch. She was a 1964 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School. She obtained her Cosmetology License from the House of James Beauty College. She was united in marriage to Frederick Wayne Ayler on June 4, 1965, in Madison, IN. This happy union was blessed with a son and a daughter. Sondra worked early in life for the Madison Bank and Trust Company in downtown Madison. She was the owner of Sondra's Shear Magic Beauty Shop for 21 years in Manville. She was a faithful member of Manville Christian Church and served as an elder's wife there. She enjoyed singing, playing golf, fishing, camping, and going to flea markets. She loved spending time with her family and friends. Sondra Jo died on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, at 9 a.m. at the Norton Women's and Children's Hospital in Louisville, KY.

Sondra Jo will be missed by her loving husband of 59 years, Frederick Wayne "Fred" Ayler of Madison, IN; her loving daughter, Christi Lynn Hackney and her husband Troy of Madison, IN; her loving son, Bro. Darin Wayne Ayler and his wife Jennifer of Madison, IN; her loving mother, Ruth Welch of Lakeland, FL; her loving sisters, Lou Ann Earls and her husband Michael of Lakeland, FL, Debbie Welch of Madison, IN; her beloved grandchildren, Zach, Anthony, Cody Ray, and Aaron Michael; her brothers in law and sisters in law, George and Debbie Ayler of Madison, IN, Joe Dale and Pondra Ayler of Madison, IN, Alice



and Michael Cyrus of Madison, IN, Jim "Hawk" Richardville of Madison, IN, and David Smith of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her birth mother, Rosie Wingham Welch; her father who raised her, Roy Welch; her brothers, Lonnie Welch, Lawrence Welch; her father in law and mother in law, Joseph Earl and Norma Jean Adams Ayler; her brothers in law and sisters in law, Harold William Ayler, Diana Lynn Ayler Smith, Wanda Ayler and Madeline Ayler Richardville. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Bro. Darin Ayler at the Manville Christian Church in Manville, IN. Interment will follow in the Manville Cemetery in Manville, IN. (ALL VISITATION IS AT THE CHURCH) Friends may visit Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024, from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the Manville Christian Church in Manville, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the Manville Christian Church Assistance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

Benjamin 'Benny' Lee Copeland

Benjamin "Benny" Lee Copeland, age 84, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Aug. 25, 1940, in Madison, IN. He was the loving son of the late Paul Woodrow and Grace Marie Horton Copeland. Benny died on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024, at 3:47 p.m. at the Norton Hospital in Louisville, KY. Benny will be missed by his loving sons, Morton Lee Copeland and his wife Cathy of Milton, KY, Jay Nelson Copeland of Madison, IN; his loving daughters, Rebekah Eileen Brooks and her husband Roger of Bennington, IN, Dawn Marie McInerney of Madison, IN; his grandchildren, LaChelle (Nathan), Aaron (Gabrielle), JaLynn (Austin), EmaLee (Keefer), Jason (Andrea), Joshua (Brittnay), Jennifer (Corey), Amanda, Ashley (Ryan), Jeremiah (Haley), Jameson, and Jordan; his great grandchildren, Kensley, Camila, Benjamin, Elijah, Callie, Jenna, Jayden, Brayden, Chelsea (Trae), Calvin (Chasity), Coleton, Clay, Rebekah (Stephen), Noah, RaeLynn, Luke, Josie, Caden, Isabelle, Thomas Call "T.C.", Gracie Hope, and CharLee; his great great grandchildren, Seth Michael, Kolt Samuel, Casen, MadiLynn, Maci, and Graeleigh; his sister: Elizabeth Ann Southerland and her husband, Henry of Madison, IN; his best friend, eating and farming buddy, Dave Meisberger; his two nieces, and two nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Woodrow Copeland; his mother, Grace Marie Horton Copeland; his wife of 55 years, Connie Eileen McMahan Copeland, died March 25, 2016; his brothers, Harold Phillip Copeland and Donald Woodrow Copeland; his niece, Lora Ann Southerland; his great grandson, John Asher Barnes. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Chris Kendall at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Hebron Cemetery near Madison, IN. Friends may visit Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. Memorial contributions may be made to Infant Loss or Hebron Cemetery. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

Lodgings

November 7, 2024

Tiffany Elaine Stewart, 47, Madison, for Residential Entry and Unlawful Possession or Use of a Legend Drug, both Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

November 9, 2024

Patrick Ian Broyles, 24, Madison, on a Jefferson County misdemeanor warrant for failure to appear (criminal trespass). Bond \$500 cash.

Brian Lee Crum, 32, Charlestown, Indiana, on a Jefferson County felony bench warrant (theft). Bond \$5,000 cash.

MacKenzie G. Moran, 25, Shelbyville, Indiana, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

Steven Ray Orwig, 32, Madison, on a warrant for failure to appear (resisting law enforcement and disorderly conduct). Bond \$1,500 cash.

November 10, 2024

Ethan Chase Lauderbaugh, 25, Bedford, Kentucky, for Resisting Law Enforcement and Invasion of Privacy, both Class A misdemeanors, and Public Intoxication by Alcohol/Drugs, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

Cirilo Perez-Quintas, 37, Madison, to serve 2 days jail, consecutive, on a weekender sentencing. No bond.

November 11, 2024

Joshua Allen Morrison, 34, Lexington, Indiana, to serve 5 days jail, concurrent, on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

November 6, 2024

Robert Allen Scrogham, 27, Lexington, Indiana, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, fully executed, with credit for 2 days served plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Jeremy Wade Mikesell, 37, Dupont, Indiana, to an amended charge of Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$389.50 in fees and court costs.

Kenneth D. Jewell Jr., 61, Madison, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 1 day served and 4 days to serve plus 360 days suspended supervised probation, \$789.50 in fees and court costs and driver's license suspended for 30 days.

Jeremy Wade Mikesell, 37, Dupont, Indiana, for Driving While suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 90 days jail, fully executed, with no credit for time served and consecutive to prior sentencing (see above) plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

November 7, 2024

Yvonne Derrickson, 59, Portland, Indiana, to an amended charge of Residential Entry, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to one year jail, all suspended to probation except for time already served plus \$589 in fees and court costs and defendant to be remanded to Henry County, Indiana, on pending warrant for failure to appear.

Jorge Rodriguez, 60, Miami, Florida, found guilty at bench trial for Leaving the Scene of an Accident, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 6 days jail, fully executed, with credit for 2 days served and remanded into custody to serve remaining 2 actual days plus \$189.50 in court costs.

Lacey Jai Bloss, 34, Westport, Indiana, to an amended charge of Neglect of Dependent, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 820 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 400 days jail served, plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Yurdanis A. Dieguez Santiesteban, 45, Louisville, to an amended charge of Theft, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 912 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 145 days jail served plus \$389 in fees and court costs and restitution to be determined.

Ashli D. Kynion, 36, Hanover, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 910 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended except for 240 days with credit for

206 days jail served and placed on supervised probation for 670 days. Defendant must complete Ruth Haven Program as term of probation and pay \$989 in fees and court costs.

Miranda Jo Mosier, 40, Madison, to amended charges of Battery, a Level 5 felony and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 1,460 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the felony concurrent to 365 days jail on the misdemeanor, fully executed, with credit for 128 days jail served plus \$489 in fees and court costs and No Contact Order to continue.

Jason Alan Riddle, 44, Hanover, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended except for 2 days jail, served, with 363 days jail suspended to supervised probation with the last 180 days eligible for unsupervised probation plus \$589 in fees and court costs and restitution to be determined.

Mark Anthony Smith, 42, Madison, to an amended charge of Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended except for 180 days, with credit for 30 days jail served with sentencing consecutive to 365 days supervised probation for probation violation plus \$589 in fees and court costs.

Joshua Allen Morrison, 34, Lexington, Indiana, for Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended except for 10 days and 355 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$389.50 in fees and court costs and defendant to obtain valid driver's license as term of probation.

November 8, 2024

Ryan Asher, 20, New Palestine, Indiana, to an amended charge of Criminal Confinement, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 2 days served and 728 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs with No Contact Order to continue as a term of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, defendant may petition court to modify felony conviction to a misdemeanor.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY November 4, 2024

Matthew P. Myers to Randall T. Hardy and Deborah L. Hardy, 4961 South 850 West, Lexington.

Haibo Yu and Yanyan Jiang Jiang to James Harden, 1841 Wolf Trails Drive, Madison.

Layman Properties LLC to Wanda Dunn, 7127 West State road 250, Madison.

Karen Hardin and Karen Hatton (now known) to McGillan Holdings LLC, 102 Miles Ridge Road, Madison.

James Harden and Stephanie Goble to David R. Spargur, 9072 North US 421, Madison.

Randall L. Frye to Garry Chandler and Patti Chandler, approximately 2.1 acres at 4680 North Allie Court, Madison.

Christine A. Harrington (trustee) and Christine A. Harrington Revocable Trust Agreement to Meana Gochenour and Tim Gochenour, approximately 42 acres in two parcels at 4848 North Turkey Branch Road, Madison and 5000+ North Wright Hill Road, Madison.

Tyler C. Jones, Maleha Ann Motter and Maleha Ann Jones to Tyler Jones and Maleha Ann Jones, approximately 5 acres at 10976 West State Road 56, Lexington.

Tyler Jones, Maleha Motter and Maleha Jones to Tyler Jones and Maleha Ann Jones, approximately 9.5 acres at 9.5 acres at 7401+ West Deputy Pike, Madison.

Connie A. Miller and Daryl W. Miller (deceased) to Connie A. Miller, Larissa Perry, Daryl Miller Jr., Amanda Harden and Angela Miller, 7036 South Majors Road, Hanover.

Jefferson County Historical Society to State of Indiana, 2 acres at 800 MSH Bus Stop Drive, Madison.

November 7, 2024

Thomas M. Pyles to Corebin McRoberts, 6659 West South Street, Dupont.

ACHS LLC to Kenneth A. Ketcham, 5 parcels at 2202 Cragmont Street, Madison.

Steward Hizey, Kimberly A. Hizey and Hizey Family Trust to Quintin Humphrey, Georgiana Nell Humphrey and Catherine Humphrey, 768 West Third Street, Madison.

Brian P. Guetig and Jessican L. Guetig to Beverly Lyoons, 805 East Second Street, Madison.

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WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:20 a.m.  
Sunset: 5:31 p.m.  
Temperature: High 63, Low 36, Mean 49.5, Excess 0.4  
Precipitation since last published: 1.51  
Precipitation, November 2024: 2.49  
Precipitation, 2024: 37.24  
Barometer: 29.89, Rising  
River Level at Clifty Creek: 421.94, Falling  
Forecast: Wednesday: Mostly cloudy High 63/Low 50; Thursday: Showers High 56/Low 43; Friday: Partly cloudy High 56/Low 39.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Anthony John ‘Tony’ Dattilo**

Anthony John “Tony” Dattilo, age 88, of Madison, IN entered this life on Nov. 26, 1935, in Madison, IN. He was the son of the late Anthony Joseph Dattilo, Jr. and Mary Ann Cianciola Dattilo. As a child growing up in Madison, Tony began working at the age of five at A. Dattilo Fruit Company, the family’s produce business, founded by Tony’s father in 1929. He graduated in 1953, from Madison High School in downtown Madison. He also attended Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH. Tony then enlisted in the United States Army on Jan. 26, 1956, and was stationed in Germany. From this posting, he enjoyed traveling throughout Europe and had the unique opportunity to play for the Army’s baseball team. He was honorably discharged on Dec. 18, 1957, and transferred to the reserves. On Nov. 18, 1961, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Myrna Loy Wise, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. This happy union of 47 years was blessed with children, Lisa Mae, Anthony John, Jr., Leslie Ann and Philip Delmar. As a businessman, like his father and grandfather, he treated his customers and employees with dignity and respect and continued to provide quality produce and services throughout his life. As a citizen, he was exceptionally concerned with the well-being of the community and actively engaged in community affairs. Tony was a faithful member of the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, the Madison Elks Lodge No. 524 and the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce. He and his father were honored by the Prince of Peace Catholic Schools with the Golden Shamrock Award in 2011, for being instrumental in bringing Catholic education to the community. In 2018, he was awarded the Business Person of the Year by the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce. In 2019, he was awarded The Circle of Corydon Award by Governor Eric Holcomb. Additionally, Tony was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel in recognition of his service and accomplishments. Moreover, Tony was a devoted family man, loved all sports, especially baseball and the Cincinnati Reds. Tony enjoyed trips to Churchill Downs, traveling with his wife, tending to his Koi Pond and authentic Italian food. His dedicated work ethic and leadership of his Main Street business will be long remembered



for its service and professionalism. Most of all, Tony will be remembered for his generous, kind spirit and unending love of family. He passed peacefully in his sleep on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024, at his home in Madison.

Tony will be missed by his loving daughter, Lisa Dattilo Morgan of Madison, IN; his loving sons, COL Anthony J. Dattilo, Jr. (USA, RET) and his wife, Linda of Ashburn, VA, Philip D. Dattilo and his wife, Laura of Indianapolis, IN; his beloved grandchildren, Shelley, Paige (Ricky), Hailey (Sam), Sam, Ryan, Grant; and his adoring great grandson, Wyatt; his brother, Leonard “Lenny” Dattilo of Madison, IN; his sisters, Clarita Dattilo Wesbecker of Madison, Donna Dattilo Jackson of Madison; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Tony will be especially missed by the dedicated employees (past and present) of A. Dattilo Fruit Co.

He was preceded in death by his father, Anthony Joseph Dattilo, Jr.; his mother, Mary Ann Cianciola Dattilo; his beloved wife of 47 years, Myrna Loy Wise Dattilo, died April 13, 2008, his loving daughter, Leslie Ann Dattilo; his son in law, Troy David Morgan; his sister, Marina “Mary Jo” Dattilo Lohrig; his brother, Thomas Martin Dattilo.

Funeral Mass will be conducted Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, at 11 am, by Father Christopher A. Craig at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 413 East Second Street Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the St. Joseph Cemetery in downtown Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery or the Madison Riverfront Development Project. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com)

**Robert Stewart ‘Bob’ Elswick**

Robert Stewart “Bob” Elswick, age 85, of Madison, IN, and the son of the late James and Daisy (Bentley) Elswick, was born on Feb. 28, 1939, in Whitesburg, KY. On June 21, 1958, he was united in marriage to Annetta L. Kiser and they were blessed with four children: Trina, Rod, James, and Twila. He worked as a coal miner for several years in Kentucky before he relocated to Chicago, IL, for a short time. Then his family moved to the Madison, IN, area where he worked at the Morrow tobacco warehouse, Madison Mobile Homes, and Grote Industries, all while farming as well. He started and operated two businesses, A-1 Tree Company and later R & W Drywall. In his spare time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing Rook, and watching sports on television, especially the Cincinnati Reds and University of Kentucky Basketball. More than anything, he loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. While he could be quite the character, he was a really good man to all who knew him. Mr. Elswick passed away on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, at the Norton King’s Daughters’ Hospital in Madison.

His life will be cherished by his children: Trina Vernon, of Scottsburg, IN, Rod Elswick, and his wife, Karen of Cross Plains, IN, James “Jay” Elswick and his wife, Angela, of North Vernon, IN, and Twila Nickell, of Madison; his sister: Mary Joyce Tackett of Virgie, KY; his brother: Andrew Elswick of Florence, KY; his grandchildren: Derek



Buchanan (Leslie), Nathan Nickell, Natalie McCollough (Dustin), Noah Nickell (Heather), Neci Nickell, Nan Warren (Will), Shea Mays (Chad), Maranda Ater (Jordan), Robert Vernon (Karen), and Amber Howard; many great grandchildren, several nieces, and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Annetta Elswick; his son-in-law: Dave Vernon; his grandson: Steven Vernon; his great granddaughter: McKenzie Nickell; his brothers: Elzie Elswick and Bluford Elswick; and his sister: Christine Cook.

Funeral services will be conducted at 12 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, at Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, on Madison’s hilltop with interment to follow in Grandview Memorial Gardens in Madison. Friends and family may visit at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel from 10 a.m., until the time of the service on Tuesday.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer’s Association. Contributions may be made at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home or at [lytlewelty.com](http://lytlewelty.com).

**R. Donald Copeland**

R. Donald Copeland, age 87 of Canaan, entered this life July 25, 1937, on the family farm in Jefferson County, IN. The loving son of Howard Lee and Lola Arline Buchanan, Donald never strayed far from his roots nor the family legacy of farming which spanned six generations in the area now known as Copeland Ridge. Donald died Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, at 11:40 p.m. at home with his loving family at his side.

Donald will be missed by his loving wife of 64 years, Carolyn Lee Banta Copeland of Madison, IN; his loving son, Gary Wayne Copeland and his wife, Trina of Madison, IN; his loving grandson, Britt Anthony Copeland; his loving granddaughter, Brienne Corrina Copeland Vigar and her husband, Tyler; his sister -in-law, Donna and Gary Prather of Doe Valley, KY, Carolyn Ann Banta of Columbia City, IN; his cousin who helped care for him, Donna Copeland Hart of Charlestown, IN; his nephews, and his niece, Matt and his wife, Marcy Prather, George Alan Banta and his wife, Colleen; his great nephew and great niece, Ben Banta and his wife, Katie, Justine Caywood and her husband, Ben;

several other cousins and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Howard Lee Copeland; his mother, Lola Arline Buchanan Copeland; his brother, David Lewis Copeland; his sister, June L. Copeland; his brother-in-law, George Robert Banta.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Keith Abrams at the Milton Baptist Church, 10076 Hwy 421 in Milton, KY. Interment will follow in the Canaan Cemetery in Canaan, IN.

Friends may visit Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, from 9 — 11 a.m. at the Milton Baptist Church, 10076 Hwy 421 in Milton, KY.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Milton Baptist Church or the Canaan Cemetery. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Frances Olive Gassert Wilkerson**

Frances Olive Gassert Wilkerson, age 98, of Lexington, IN, near Deputy entered this life on April 16, 1926, in Hanover, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Everett Emerson and Ruby Anna Nighbert Gassert. Frances died on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, at 1:20 a.m. at her home in Lexington, IN, with her granddaughter, and great grandson, at her side.

Frances will be missed by her loving granddaughter, Gloria Lynn Farrell and her companion, Roy Hutchison of Hanover, IN; her loving grandson, Jonathon “John” Lee Harrison and his wife, Tammy of Deputy, IN; her great-grandchildren, Christine Michelle Powell (Josh), Charles Allen Farrell, Brittany Nichole Harrison, Jonathon William Harrison, Robert Eversole; her step great grandchildren, Sarah, and Angela; her great-great grandchildren, Dale, Callie, Marcus, Jaden and Tucker; her step great great, Bradley; her sisters, Marilyn Jackson of Madison, IN, Carolyn Poling of Vernon, IN; her sister-in-law, Nadine Gassert Greenhill of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Everett Emerson

Gassert; her mother, Ruby Anna Nighbert Gassert; her husband of 31 years, Charles Willard Wilkerson, died March 4, 1982; her daughter, Angela C. Wilkerson Harrison; her sisters, Marjorie Odell Coles, and her husband, Orville; Patricia “Pat” Lowery and her husband, Darrell, Myrtle Irene Hay, and her husband, Everett, Mary Ester Fields, and her husband, Jim; her brothers, Clarence Donald Gassert, and Delbert Curtis Gassert, and his wife, Janice; her brother in law, Richard Poling.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Bro. Jimmy Butters at the Lick Branch Baptist Church, 10439 West Deputy Pike Road near Deputy, IN. Interment will follow in the Lick Branch Cemetery near Deputy, IN.

Friends may Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the Lick Branch Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lick Branch Cemetery Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

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OBITUARIES

Gerald Franklin ‘Bud’ Shelton



in 2003. Mr. Shelton was always impressed with and grateful for the many fine educators and community leaders that gave their all for students. During his tenure a new BRV junior/senior high school campus opened in 1969, and new elementary campus in 1978. Shelton was active in regional and state organizations focused on educational improvement and attainment for all. He supported his community as a founding member of the BRV Optimist Club, was active in the Mt. Summit Christian Church, served on the Henry County Memorial Hospital Foundation board and later was elected to the Henry Co. REMC board. In appreciation and recognition of his 37 years of devotion to BRV teachers, staff, and students (and lifelong passion for basketball!) BRV named their main gym “Gerald Shelton Gymnasium” in 2003.

Outside of school Shelton loved fishing, especially during yearly trips to Sioux Narrows, Canada with family and many dear friends, and enjoyed hunting, watching Purdue sports, golf, and gardening, but most of all he loved his family. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Bud, Barbara, and the children eagerly made regular trips to the southern Indiana farms of his parents and in-laws where they would check the crops and livestock and share wonderful times with extended family. Bud was preceded in death by Barbara his loving wife of 61 years, parents ET and Florence, in-laws Marshall and Thelma Johnson, sisters Lois Meyer of Indianapolis, and Betty Cain of Columbus, brothers in law Wilbur Meyer and

Gerald Franklin “Bud” Shelton, longtime resident of Henry County, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the age of 90. Mr. Shelton is widely known for his many years serving the Blue River Valley school community, first in the role of high school principal beginning in the fall of 1965, and then serving a long tenure as superintendent of schools (1973 — 2003). Working for and with students, staff, and parents provided Bud’s greatest personal reward even as their successes in school and life stand as testament to his devotion to serving the community.

Gerald was born on March 20, 1934, in rural Jefferson County IN, the son of Elzie Thomas, a farmer, and Florence Blake Shelton, an elementary school teacher. His early childhood was spent roaming the fields of his grandparent’s farm north of Madison, a place he called Chicken Run, and making boyhood mischief with his favorite cousin Roy Shelton who lived across the creek. “Buddy” started elementary school in the fall of 1940, in the one-room Volga schoolhouse containing 8 grades. The following year ET and Florence purchased their own farm and moved to Deputy where Bud and sisters Lois and Betty attended a two-room schoolhouse. At Deputy High School Bud was strong in the classroom and at 6’4” a formidable center on the basketball team. He loved the game and was proud to be Jefferson County’s leading scorer in both his junior and senior years. In 1950 he met the love of his life Barbara Jean Johnson who had recently moved with her parents from Tennessee to a nearby farm. After graduating as

salutatorian of his class of 15, Bud was off to Purdue in the fall of 1952, where he worked in the university dairy for spending money and earned a B.S. in Agriculture Education in 1956.

That fall Bud’s first professional position brought him to Sulphur Springs High School to teach science and agriculture. He was eager to share his love of farming with students he taught and coached in 4-H and FFA. His students were quite successful in county and state contests and several he mentored remained his close friends throughout life. Bud and Barbara married on Feb. 2, 1957. Daughters Lisa Jean and then Kathy Lynn were born in 1958, and 1959. Bud earned a Purdue M.S. in Education Administration in 1962, and the young family moved to Modoc Indiana and Union High School in Randolph County where Bud taught science and agriculture and became assistant principal. In those years he completed additional graduate studies to obtain superintendent of schools licensure.

Bud, Barbara, Lisa, Kathy, and infant son Marshall Thomas, returned to Henry County after Bud became principal of Blue River Valley High School in 1965; in 1973, he became superintendent of schools, serving until his retirement

Linden Paul Booth



Linden Paul Booth, age 83, of Madison, IN, entered this life on June 6, 1941, in Henry County, KY. He was the loving son of the late Lawrence Elliot and Mary Francis Meek Booth. He was raised in Eminence and graduated there in 1958. He was inducted into the United States Army on Aug. 1, 1958, in Louisville, KY. He rose to the rate of Specialist Four serving in the Signal Corps and was honorably discharged on July 12, 1961, at Fort Jackson, SC. He remained in the Reserves until being discharged on July 31, 1964. On Nov. 29, 1963, he was united in marriage to Ruth Ann Kidwell. This happy union of 61 years was blessed with a daughter, Paula and a son, Robert. He worked early in life at General Electric. The family settled in Madison, IN, and he operated Paul’s TV Service. He later worked for over 30 years for Greves TV and Appliances in downtown Madison. He had been a member of the Madison VFW Post 1969, and West Street Ministries. Linden died on Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, at 6:10 a.m. at the Waters of Scottsburg in Scottsburg, IN.

Linden will be missed by his loving wife, of 61 years, Ruth Ann Kidwell Booth of Belleville, IL; his daughter, Paula Smith and her husband, Randy of Belleville, IL; his son, Robert Booth and his wife, Kristen of Waddell, AZ; his grandchildren, Robert Michael Smith, Tyler Booth, Christopher Burkett, Nicholas Burkett, and Jacqueline Bauer; his great grandchildren, Owen, Justin, Jase, Hudson, Paisley, Addy, Weston and Harper; his sister, Barbara Booth Alexander and her husband, Mike of

Madison, IN; his brothers, Jerry Booth and his wife, Mick of Shelbyville, KY, Rodney Booth and his wife, Faye of Milton, Ky; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Elliot Booth; his mother, Mary Frances Meek Booth Abrams; his sister, Frances L. Booth Kelley, his stepfather, Mendall Abrams.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, at 2 p.m., by Pastor Jerry Wheeler at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Wednesday from 12 — 2 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

DEATH NOTICES

**Carol Faye Dickson, 63**, of Vevay, IN, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, at Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay. Memorial service will be in Convoy, OH. Arrangements by Haskell and Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, [www.haskellandmorrison.com](http://www.haskellandmorrison.com).

**Deborah Wallace Dorten, 76**, of Madison, IN, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover, and Madison, IN, [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Alexandra P. “Alex” Eglseder Hake, 62**, of Florence, IN, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, at Carroll County Memorial Hospital in Carrollton, KY. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, [www.haskellandmorrison.com](http://www.haskellandmorrison.com).

**Dexter Ray Haney, 74**, of Oldenburg, IN, and formerly of Jefferson County, IN, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, at St. Andrews Health Campus in Batesville, IN. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres

of Hanover, and Madison, IN, [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Philip Elroy Monroe, 75**, of Bedford, KY, died Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, at his residence. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford. The U.S. Navy Ceremonial Unit and the Honor Guard from Major Samuel Woodfill Post 9 American Legion in Madison, will conduct military honors at the funeral home, [www.ransdellfuneral.com](http://www.ransdellfuneral.com).

**Joseph Ronald Schmidt, 76**, of Bedford, KY, died Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024, at Baptist Hospital in Louisville. No services will be held. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, [www.ransdellfuneral.com](http://www.ransdellfuneral.com).

**Ronald J. Welch, 85**, of Carrollton, KY, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, at StoryPoint Senior Living in Union, KY. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton with burial in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton, [www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com).

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# \$500K sought for Rykers Ridge sewer improvements

**BY BOB DEMAREE**

The Rykers Ridge-Telegraph Hill Regional Sewer District made a request for \$500,000 at Friday’s County Commissioners meeting for upgrades and repairs to that utility.

Mark Cheatham, a member of the sewer district board of directors, said work began more than a year ago with Midwestern Engineers to evaluate work needed to be done and to determine the project’s cost and \$4.2 million is needed to rehabilitate the entire system.

After researching funding possibilities, he said the project has been pared down to about \$2.4 million and the board is seeking \$500,000 from the county to go with a maximum of \$750,000 the sewer district can receive from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). With that \$1.25 million, Cheatham said the rate increases to be passed on to

sewer district customers will be 9.4% to fund the project.

Cheatham said after a September fire at his home on River Bluff Lake Drive, he needed to find the average water and sewer rate he and his wife were paying to Rykers Ridge, for insurance requirements, and the amount was \$116.43. They are currently renting a residence on Bellaire Drive on Madison’s hilltop while the River Bluff Lake Drive residence is demolished and rebuilt, and the water and sewer bill there for October was \$80.

Because the Rykers Ridge rate is already higher than Madison, it will increase even more when the additional 9.4% is added to pay for the sewer project. “Anything less than the \$500,000 is going to make that even more. We’re hoping for your generosity,” said Cheatham.

Commissioner David Bramer said the Commissioners are con-

sidering ways to provide help to Rykers Ridge, noting the county does have American Rescue Plan funding that must be allocated by the end of this year. “We’re working through that” and he thinks the Commissioners can provide a response to the sewer district about potential assistance before Thanksgiving.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved a certificate of sale service addendum with SRI Services, which manages the county’s tax sales. Zach Hughes, SRI chief experience officer, said the certificate sales deal with what’s left over from the tax sales, noting there were 20 parcels on the tax sale from September with four remaining that were not sold.
- “Any time something doesn’t get a bid on it at the tax sale, the Commissioners are assigned a certificate from those prop-

erties,” he said. “There’s effectively a lien on it in your name” that the Commissioners can do a certificate sale to reauthorize offering the liens at a lower minimum bid that is at least \$1 less than what it was offered the last time. Hughes recommended the Commissioners set the lowest minimum bid at a level for there to be interest in bidding on the property. “The main thing is to get these back productive, collecting taxes.”

- Heard the first reading of a new Jefferson County On-Site Sewage Systems Ordinance that is required after Indiana state lawmakers passed legislation in 2023 that overhauled the state’s septic system laws. There was a previous first reading of the ordinance in February but, due to specific wording requirements, it failed approval by the Department of Health’s Technical Review Panel (TRP), resulting

in the development of the latest version.

- Renewed a contract with FPBH Inc., a civil engineering and inspection firm in North Vernon, for on-call engineering and inspection services through Dec. 31, 2025.
- While repairing a portion of the ceiling in the dog kennel area at the Madison-Jefferson County Animal Shelter, director Tricia Parker said it appears a back wall has moved and has affected the roof. The Commissioners expect to soon hire an architect to develop a design for a new animal shelter in hopes that will help lead to funding sources to build a new facility.
- Agreed to allow German American Bank to offer a Work Perks program to county employees, similar to what was approved earlier in the year for First Financial Bank with its First Worklife Program.

## Multi-county pursuit lands armed robbery suspects

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

Two Ohio men suspected in an armed robbery in Kentucky were arrested last Wednesday night and lodged at the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office and Criminal Justice Center after a multi-county pursuit.

Around 10:40 p.m. Wednesday, the Bullitt County, Kentucky, Sheriff’s Office contacted the Indiana State Police Regional Dispatch Center in Versailles, requesting troopers check the area of Henryville, Indiana, for two suspects believed to have committed an armed robbery.

Bullitt County said the suspects were believed to be in a Ford F150 pickup they allegedly had just stolen. As troopers closed in on the area to look for the individuals, Bullitt County informed ISP that their latest update indicated that the suspects were near the Wendy’s restaurant in Scottsburg, Indiana.

At 10:49 a.m., Scottsburg Police and Scott County deputies observed the pickup in the Wendy’s parking lot. The suspects observed law enforcement and attempted to flee with state troopers and other officers pursuing the truck east on State Road 56 to State Road 3, and north on State Road 3 into Jefferson County.

The pursuit continued through Jefferson County into Jennings County at speeds reaching 100 mph. On State Road 3 near County Road 650 South, troopers conducted a Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT), causing the truck to leave the west side of the roadway. The driver, Daniel York, 45, Evansville, attempted to run from the scene on foot but was caught and placed into custody by officers

with the Austin Police Department. The passenger, Everett Kline, 62, Wheelersburg, Ohio, was placed into custody without incident at the scene of the crash.

Both York and Kline were lodged at the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office and Criminal Justice Center after medical evaluation and treatment from the vehicle crash.

In addition to being wanted for the alleged armed robbery and vehicle theft in Bullitt County, both men were wanted on warrants.

York was charged with Resisting Law Enforcement with a Vehicle, Endangering a Person, Resisting Law Enforcement with a Vehicle, Possession of Stolen Property Felony, and Possession of Stolen Vehicle, all Level 6 felonies; and Reckless Driving Injuring a Passenger, and OWI Impairment, both Class A misdemeanors.

York was wanted through Perry County, Indiana, on charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Paraphernalia, as well as through Vanderburgh County, Indiana, on charges of Battery Resulting in Bodily Injury, Criminal Mischief, Unauthorized Entry into a Vehicle, and Public Intoxication.

Kline was wanted through Scioto County, Ohio, for a probation violation. He was also charged with Possession of Stolen Property and Possession of Stolen Vehicle, both Level 6 felonies.

Indiana State Police Sellersburg Post was assisted by ISP Versailles Post, the Scott, Jefferson, and Jennings County Sheriff’s Departments, the Scottsburg and Austin Police Departments, and the Hillview City, Kentucky, Police Department.

## PROJECT

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“I appreciate the time that everybody has put into this. We’ve got a lot of good information. We need these two weeks to digest what we’ve heard,” said BZA President David Ferguson, having received public impact not just on Thursday but also for another four hours on Oct. 1 at Ivy Tech Community College Madison. “We’ve heard both sides and some of the information contradicts one another so we have to filter through that and come up with the best decision we can.”

The final comments heard were by New Albany Attorney Justin Endres, representing Orion, who went through each of the six findings of fact that the BZA must consider on applications. Endres noted that Orion had met each criteria and should receive an affirmative vote.

“There is some disagreement in the room. A lot of testimony has been had, but frankly there were a lot of questions that were offered,” Endres said. “There were a lot of questions about things this board doesn’t consider. We’ve submitted detailed studies by experts that have expertise in these matters to address these issues, and I think we’ve done that in a way by listening to the community, and anticipating some of these concerns.”

Endres continued, “I think this land use joins the freedom of the individual farmers to use their land as they see fit with the conditions and the ordinance in place with a good company that is going to provide tremendous tax benefits, a diversity of energy and a partnership in the community going forward. I appreciate the efforts being made, and I ask you to approve the special exemption.”

Prior to the final statement by Endres, there were presentations by Lauren White, an attorney with the firm Hepler Broom from Hammond, and Denise Spooner, a licensed real estate broker from Alexandria, who both made the

case for why the BZA should not approve the Idlewild solar project. White, who spoke for about 30 minutes, and Spooner, who spoke for about an hour, were permitted longer presentations because 46 people who had signed up to speak conceded their time to their presentations.

White said she was representing Christy Marshall, whose property located on New Bethel Road, will be directly affected by the Idlewild solar project. She said Marshall “asked that I provide this board with information regarding the affects of Orion’s proposed solar energy plant will have on the surrounding properties as well as Jefferson County as a whole.”

White suggested that Orion’s application does not meet the requirements for the six findings of facts. “The conclusion here tonight is that under Jefferson County’s UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) if the BZA does not find that all of standards have been satisfied, it shall deny the request and provide findings specifying the reason for denial. Here, the petitioner has not provided sufficient evidence to the BZA to make these specific factual findings required to approve the project. Instead, there is evidence to show that Idlewild’s project will be injurious to health, safety and the citizens of Jefferson County. Additionally, Idlewild’s project will cause a depreciation in property value in the surrounding properties. Finally, Idlewild’s project is not consistent with the character of agricultural zoning and does not adhere to the comprehensive plan.”

Spooner said she was attending the meeting as an expert witness at the request of White, having studied solar projects since 2019,

served one year on the Madison County Board of Zoning Appeals and is a current member of the county’s Plan Commission.

“It’s an overwhelming amount of education in five years,” said Spooner. “I’m very, very concerned. I just want you to know that I’m a farmer’s daughter. My dad owned land and farmed for Red Gold tomatoes for over 30 years until we lost him in a tractor accident.”

Spooner said while she’s concerned about property values of neighboring property owners, she is more concerned about “the loss of this land permanently by a land grab and eminent domain where these land owners lose their land. I’m here today not just because of the homeowners but because I’m very concerned for what I’ve read and what I’ve learned from the homeowners who have signed up for this project. I have a heart for farmers and the farmer community, and I know the divide in this community is unbelievable

... “I pray for Jefferson County and all over Indiana that we can somehow move past this ... I don’t think these projects are going to last past 30 years. The future is unknown. I will tell you BZA members you will look back one day with great pride or great shame on the decision you are going to make,” Spooner added. “I will pray for you to have the wisdom when you consider all of this, but hands down, without a shadow of a doubt, these projects will absolutely devastate the property values especially those on the four sides, and I ask that just over that one reason you will vote no on this project. It’s an incompatible land use and it will damage property values.”

**“I appreciate the time that everybody has put into this. We’ve got a lot of good information. We need these two weeks to digest what we’ve heard. We’ve heard both sides and some of the information contradicts one another so we have to filter through that and come up with the best decision we can.”**

—David Ferguson  
BZA president

## BUST

FROM **PAGE A1**

They told me about free whites and blacks helping to set free hundreds upon hundreds of black slaves in early 1830s that extended to the 1850s.”

She became fascinated with the conductors “who helped slaves escape by

risking their own lives in the process ... No where on the Ohio River was the contest between freedom and those in slavery more heated or more violent than Madison, Indiana.”

In addition to his role as a conductor for the underground railroad, DeBaptiste also befriended and became the valet for William Henry Harrison, the ninth president of the

United States and the first President to die in office. Just three weeks after his inauguration, Harrison fell ill and died days later with DeBaptiste holding Harrison in his arms as he succumbed.

The DeBaptiste bust was actually cast in 2020 and has sat in storage at Muldoon Monuments while a place was found for its display. There was

a groundbreaking for Georgetown Memorial Park on Walnut Street in 2016, where it was thought the bust might go, but that park never materialized.

Partington said she likes where the bust ended up. “He’s looking across the river where he would go on his boat across the river” in rescuing the slaves.

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Local veterans broke bread and shared company with music provided by the Bee Camp Bottom Boys during Sunday's Veterans Day event at Madison's Frank Baldwin Hunter Hall.



Sunday's Veterans Day dinner at Frank Baldwin Hunter Hall was well attended for the food prepared by the Jefferson County Democratic Alliance and the Jefferson County Republican Women's Club and fellowship of other veterans and their families.

# Veterans honored with event at Hunter Hall

**BY BOB DEMAREE**  
Jefferson County veterans were honored Sunday afternoon with a special Veterans Day event at Madison's Frank Baldwin Hunter Hall.

Those who attended heard from Madison Mayor Bob Courtney, reciting the third verse of "America the Beautiful" that says "beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country love and mercy more than life," which he said describes the veterans who have served.

KoKo Heath, a retired chief petty officer with the U.S. Coast Guard, moved home to Madison in 2017 with a commitment to "give back to my community in any way I can, and a part

of that is veterans programs."

This year she sold poppies at her store, Scarlet Begonia, to raise funds for the Jefferson County Veterans Council. Heath also announced plans for two \$500 military scholarships for two individuals joining the service. "These scholarships will help these young people and young adults joining the service to help pay for anything they need to take care of when they leave for boot camp."

Jefferson County Service Officer Faith Weir told how her office works to serve veterans. "We don't care what capacity you served. If you served in the military, you're a veteran. You come in to



Local veteran Wayne Detmer (right) samples a dessert while enjoying Sunday's Veteran's Day dinner with family members Lisa Ferguson (left) and Elyse Detmer at Madison's Frank Baldwin Hunter Hall.

see us. We help with disability claims, VA healthcare, financial assistance ... If you filed a claim and you were denied on something, you come see us and we will appeal it. We

will fight for you."

Teresa Stewart, who is coordinating the county's Wreaths Across America event, said this year's event will be Saturday, Dec. 14, starting at

Springdale Cemetery at 9:30 a.m., then to Grandview Memorial Gardens and a ceremony at Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery at noon.

The Bee Camp Bottom

Boys provided music at Sunday's dinner and food was provided by the Jefferson County Democratic Alliance and the Jefferson County Republican Women's Club.

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David Campbell  
Madison's James Schafer (2), Garrett Deuser (22) and Jason Cosby (70) swarm North Harrison ball carrier Bryce Fessel during the sectional championship game on Friday.



David Campbell  
Madison's Jake Dyer (1) sprints through the line during the Cubs' 8-7 loss to North Harrison in the sectional championship game on Friday in Ramsey.

# Conversion run lifts North Harrison 8-7 over Madison

**BY DAVID CAMPBELL**  
**RAMSEY** — A gutsy call by North Harrison coach Mark Williamson proved to be the difference between a win and defeat as the host Cougars inched by Madison 8-7 in the Class 3A Sectional 31 Championship game on Friday.

With his Cougars struggling to score against Madison's bend, but not break defense, Williamson finally got the break his team needed when a turnover set North Harrison up in Madison territory late in the third quarter. Five plays later, the Cougars were in the end zone on a 3-yard run by Bryce Fessel.

The score sent the hometown fans into a frenzy but North Harrison still trailed Madison 7-6. With points so hard to come back, rather than kick, Williamson once again put the ball in the hands of his star running back and Fessel rammed in the two-point conversion for the lead.

Madison reached the

North Harrison 30-yard line on its next possession but was stopped and never got the ball back. The Cougars successfully burned the remaining time to clinch their first sectional championship in school history and deny Madison the same.

Madison coach Charles Benintende, who led the Cubs to a historic finish in his first year on the job, was thrilled by the way his team played even in the loss.

"It sucks. It's just one of them things where I couldn't ask for any more from the seniors," Benintende said. "It's just the way the ball bounced and just a play here and a play there that could have went differently."

Benintende knew that stopping the run would be the key for success against a North Harrison team that relied heavily on Fessel, who entered the game with more than 1,500 yards on the season. Fessel finished

the night with 106 yards but it took 27 attempts to get there.

Madison's defense dominated the line of scrimmage and got stronger the closer the Cougars got to the end zone. The Cubs stopped North Harrison on fourth down three times and caught a break when the Cougars missed a 28-yard field goal in the second quarter.

While Madison's defense did its part, the offense found gaining yards nearly impossible. The Cubs had just 185 total yards in the game and it wasn't until the second half that they showed some life.

Madison opened the second half with a change in formation, sending senior star wide receiver Jake Dyer into the backfield as part of a Triple-I formation. Dyer's speed and shiftness paid immediate dividends as the Cubs began slicing through the North Harrison defense, eventually scoring when Taytem

Anderson broke through from two yards out for the first points of the game. Freshman kicker Wyatt Overpeck added the extra point and the Cubs led 7-0.

Benintende said he never considered going for two, instead relying in his defense to keep the Cougars in check. And if not for one bad play, that play might have worked.

After stopping North Harrison (9-3) on its next drive, Madison was seeking to burn clock and maybe even put pressure on the Cougars with an additional score, but neither happened. Madison quarterback Matt McCarty was pressured and hit as he was throwing and the pop-up was easily intercepted by North Harrison.

Taking over on the Madison 38, the Cougars overcame two penalties to advance down the field, finally scoring on Fessel's 3-yard run and subsequent two-point conversion.

Madison appeared to

have a chance on its final drive, but what might have been flagged as a pass interference call at the end zone on fourth down wasn't called and that proved to be the Cubs' final offensive play of the game.

While there were plenty of tears after the game, Benintende was happy to see the emotion pouring forth from his team.

"They're hurting right now, and I just explained to them that they're hurting because their expectations rose throughout the season as they started becoming a team," Benintende said. "And once they became a team, they felt that they could beat the world, and that is what makes me feel really, really good about where we are. So the hurt that they're feeling right now is because they really expected to win this football game, and that says a lot about where this program is right now."

Dyer finished with 66 yards rushing and Ander-

son had 63 to lead the Cubs. North Harrison quarterback David Langdon was 7-of-9 passing for 121 yards, giving the Cougars a lift in the passing game.

North Harrison will now head to No. 2 Heritage Hills on Friday to play in the Cougars' first-ever regional game in program history. Heritage (11-1) knocked off previously unbeaten and No. 1 Evansville Memorial 38-24 on Friday.

Madison (6-5) ends just its second winning season in the past 30 years and moves to an offseason where the team will work on getting better. The Cubs now know they can win and Benintende said the key is to build on that success.

"I'm proud of the community. You saw the people on the sideline, they came out, they believed and it's awesome," Benintende said. "I'm trying to put football on the map, and we'll get there."

## BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

### Simpson's triple-double leads Rebels to huge win over Brown County

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**  
Olivia Simpson posted an impressive triple-double, Harlee Hill had a double-double and two other players scored in double figures as Southwestern rolled over Brown County 69-17 in girls basketball Saturday at home.

Simpson scored 10 points on three of six shooting but also had 13 rebounds and 17 assists to lead the Rebels to their first win. Hill had 14 points and 12 rebounds while Rorie Scroggins just missed a double-double with 16 points and nine rebounds and freshman Mikayla Nussbaum scored 10 points.

The game was never in doubt. Southwestern led 21-3 after the first quarter and 41-5 at halftime before cruising to victory.

Things were much tougher for Southwestern in its season opener, a 44-32 loss at Henryville on Thursday.

The Rebels led 18-16 at halftime but were outscored 28-14 in the second half as Henryville pulled away for the win.

Nussbaum knocked down five 3-pointers and scored 25 points in her varsity debut to lead the way. Scroggins had nine points while Simpson and Bailey McAfee had four points each.

Southwestern, now 1-1 on the season, hosts Crothersville on Friday and hosts Greenwood Christian on Saturday.



David Campbell  
Southwestern's Rorie Scroggins (left) battles with Henryville's Winnie Smith for a rebound in the Rebels' loss on Thursday.

four rebounds.

Madison, now 1-0 on the season, was scheduled to host Lawrenceburg on Tuesday but that game has been moved to Nov. 21. Madison's next game will now be Nov. 19 at home against South Dearborn.

**SHAW FALLS IN OPENER**  
A 21-2 second quarter doomed Shawe in a 47-32 loss at Charles-town on Saturday in the Hilltoppers' season opener.

Shawe led 14-12 after the first

quarter and won the third quarter by identical score, but the Hilltoppers couldn't overcome the rough second period.

Audrey Barron had 15 points and five rebounds to lead Shawe while Allison Knoebel scored 12 points and had five rebounds. Ava Turner chipped in five points.

Shawe, now 0-1 on the season, hosts Jac-Cen-Del on Tuesday in a crucial early-season Ohio River Valley Conference showdown. The Hilltoppers then travel to Oldenburg Academy on Thursday.

### Trimble football ends season in playoffs

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**  
Trimble County's football season came to an end with a 49-0 loss to Newport Central Catholic in the opening round of the KHSAA Class 1A Playoffs at Covington Catholic on Thursday for the second year in a row.

Catholic rushed for three touchdowns, passed for two scores and returned two interceptions for scores to advance in the tourney.

Caleb Cole led the way for NCC with two rushing touchdowns and a pick

six while Louie Collopy caught a touchdown pass, returned an interception for a score and kicked six PATs.

Trimble ends the season with an 0-11 record with seven losses by shutout. The Raiders have lost 16-straight games dating back to last season.

Newport Central Catholic (8-3) advances to play Bishop Brossart on Friday at the Dixie Heights High School field. Brossart (9-2) advanced with a 39-12 win over Bellevue on Friday.

### LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

**Tuesday, Nov. 12**  
**BASKETBALL**  
Shawe girls host Jac-Cen-Del, 6 p.m.  
Switzerland Co. girls host South Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 13**  
**BASKETBALL**  
Hanover men at Spalding (Ky.), 7 p.m.  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
Hanover at Earlham, HCAC Tournament, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 14**  
**BASKETBALL**  
Hanover women hosts Asbury (Ky.), 6 p.m.  
Shawe girls at Oldenburg, 6 p.m.  
**SWIMMING**  
Switzerland Co. girls host South Ripley, Rising Sun, 6 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 15**  
**BASKETBALL**  
Southwestern girls host Crothersville, 7:30 p.m.  
Switzerland Co. girls hosts Madison, 7:30 p.m.



HANOVER ROUNDUP

Panthers lose in HCAC finals to Anderson on shootout

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

Anderson scored four goals in a penalty-kick shootout to deny Hanover 1-0 in the championship game of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference men's soccer tournament on Saturday in Hanover.

The two teams played a scoreless regulation and two scoreless overtime periods prior to needing the shootout to determine the winner.

Anderson, the tournament's No. 4 seed who had knocked off top-seeded Rose-Hulman 2-1 in the semifinals, got goals by Drew Vaughn, Dalton Grubbs and Noah Neu in the Ravens' first three attempts while Hanover countered with goals by Araujo Da Mota Correia and Preston Barber. Ashton Kuss then scored on Anderson's fifth attempt to seal the win.

Hanover held a dominating 23-1 advantage in shots in the game — including 8-0 on goal — but could not push the ball into the net as Anderson goalie Braydon Kennedy posted 7 saves in 70 minutes of action and was named the 2024 HCAC Men's Soccer Tournament Most Outstanding Player. The Panthers also had 14 corner kicks to one by the Ravens.

Hanover had three players named to the all-tourney team: Louan Seveno, Clayton Anderson and Ben Howard.



Hanover goalie Ben Howard (right) Rodrigo Gutierrez Olvera Gonzalez embraces teammate Patricio Campos (47) as teammate Brandon Elizarraras (35) walks away dejected after the Panthers fell to Anderson in the HCAC Championship game 1-0 in a shootout on Saturday.

Hanover ends the season with a 9-5-5 record. Anderson (8-7-5) qualifies for the NCAA Division III tourney.

**FOOTBALL BEATS DEFIANCE**

Hanover football kept its HCAC championship hopes alive with a 31-7 win at Defiance on Saturday.

Quarterback Eian Roudebush was 13-for-22 passing for 188 yards and two touchdowns for the Panthers. Austin Oppel had 62 yards rushing and Mason Williams caught five passes for

85 yards and a score.

Madison's Noah Caswell had five tackles including a sack and fellow Cub Clint Hearne had a 33-yard field goal and made all four of his extra point attempts.

Hanover, now 6-3 overall, stands tied with Rose-Hulman at 4-1 in league play just behind unbeaten Mount Saint Joseph at 5-0. The Panthers will play at Franklin (3-6, 2-3 HCAC) this weekend in the annual Victory Bell game while Mount and Rose square off in Cincinnati.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL WINS**

Madison native Luke Miller scored a career-high 20 points to help lift Hanover to an 86-72 win over Berry (Ga.) in the Panthers' men's basketball opener Saturday at Collier Arena.

Miller was 6-for-14 shooting from the floor, including 3-of-6 on 3-pointers, and added six steals in the win. Coleman Sater had 21 points and nine rebounds and C.J. Walls had 19 points. Miller's brother Jack, a freshman, started and scored four points and had five rebounds.

Hanover, now 1-0 on the season, travels to Spalding (Ky.) on Wednesday and to Colorado College on Saturday.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SPLITS**

Hanover women's basketball split a pair of games in the Webster Tournament over the weekend in Missouri.

On Saturday, the Panthers hammered Sewanee 94-59 as Grace Bezold had 26 points and seven rebounds to lead Hanover, Sammy Berman scored 19 points and Alexis Wines had 11 points.

On Sunday, Hanover lost 78-69 to host Webster. Bezold had 22 points and seven rebounds, Katherine Benter had 16 points and 12 rebounds and Berman scored 13 points.

Hanover, now 1-1 on the sea-

son, hosts Asbury (Ky.) on Thursday.

**VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS BLUFFTON**

Hanover volleyball closed out the regular season with a three-set sweep of Bluffton at home on Saturday.

The Panthers won 25-19, 25-15, 25-11.

Jessie Stenger had nine kills and five blocks for Hanover. Elliot Mays had 14 digs and Megan Vogel had 19 assists.

Hanover ends the regular season at 21-7 overall and 5-4 in HCAC play. The Panthers will be the No. 5 seed in the HCAC Tournament and will play at No. 4 seed Earlham on Wednesday. The semifinals and championship are on Saturday.

**PANTHERS SWIM AT CENTRE**

Hanover's swim teams competed in a tri-meet at Centre on Friday in Danville, Kentucky. The men lost 210-25 to Franklin and 249-25 to Centre while the women fell 224-35 to Franklin and 254-25 to Centre.

Lucy Schoenlein placed fifth in the women's 1000-meter freestyle in 12:52.60 and Callum Buchanan was fifth in the men's 50-yard freestyle in 22.90 to lead the Panthers.

Hanover next competes at Ohio Wesleyan on Nov. 23.

Colts fans boo as Flacco, Colts continue to struggle

**BY MICHAEL MAROT ASSOCIATED PRESS**

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts coach Shane Steichen heard the boos Sunday.

He never considered making the move the home crowd wanted — benching 39-year-old Joe Flacco and going back to second-year quarterback Anthony Richardson.

Two weeks after Steichen announced Flacco's promotion to starter because the coach believed the longtime veteran gave Indy the best chance of winning, the questions about changing course again and reverting to Richardson began in earnest.

"Until I say otherwise, Joe is our guy right now," Steichen said when asked if he still believes Flacco is the best option for Indy (4-6). "I understand. I understand. Like I said, I'm going to go back and look at everything, but right now, that's where we're at."

Flacco's final line in the Colts' 30-20 loss to Buffalo was 26 of 35 for 272 yards, with two touchdowns and three interceptions. Those picks, along with four sacks and a lost fumble, sealed the Colts' fate.

Flacco has six turnovers including in two starts since replacing Richardson, he's 1-3 as Indy's starter this season, and he has produced Indy's two lowest single-game outputs in total yards. Throwing an interception that was returned for a TD on his

first pass Sunday certainly didn't help his cause, and he acknowledged the throw was a bad decision.

Naturally, Indy's fans didn't wait until a third straight loss was official to let Steichen and the Colts' brain trust — or Flacco — know what they thought despite Richardson's league-low 44% completion percentage.

They believe life with Flacco behind center has been even worse.

"This league is tough, things like that happen," Flacco said of the boos. "You don't want to put yourself in that situation. But you know we can only look at ourselves and I can only look at myself in terms of what's happening."

Finding an explanation — or a solution — won't be easy.

While Richardson provided both big plays and a dual running threat out of the backfield when paired with All-Pro running back Jonathan Taylor, his erratic throws often short-circuited drives. He's also struggled to stay healthy, making just 10 starts since being selected with the No. 4 overall pick in the 2023 draft.

And he drew heavy criticism for taking himself out briefly in the third quarter of a loss at Houston because he needed a breather. Richardson later acknowledged that was a mistake.

Flacco, meanwhile, has struggled behind an offensive line that started two rookies each of the last two games and finished Sunday with a

third rookie on the field.

And while his completion percentage is better, Flacco also has missed throws and been the victim of drops while Indy's top receiver, Michael Pittman Jr., tries to recover from a back injury that threatened to sideline him for multiple weeks. Pittman was inactive for the first time Sunday.

The resulting slide seemed predictable.

Three weeks ago, Indy went to Houston with a chance to tie the Texans for the AFC South lead. Now, with six games remaining, the Colts sit one game behind Denver for the conference's seventh and final playoff spot as they contemplate options.

They could go back to Richardson and live with the consequences of letting a young quarterback growing into a starting job. Or they could stay with Flacco, who generated only one scoring drive last week at Minnesota and only delivered one meaningful touchdown Sunday, a 2-yard TD pass to Tyler Goodson in the first half.

At the moment, Steichen sounds convinced Flacco is his guy, and it's not clear when that might change.

"Obviously, we've had two games that he'd like to have back, but we'll keep battling through it, see where it goes," Steichen said. "We've got to give them (the fans) something to cheer about. We're moving the ball. We've got to be better. We've got to go back, and freaking get it cleaned up."

Burrow, Chase heroics not enough as Bengals fall 35-34

**BY MITCH STACY ASSOCIATED PRESS**

CINCINNATI — Even with Joe Burrow and Ja'Marr Chase at their dazzling best, the Cincinnati Bengals couldn't quite do enough to get a win at Baltimore.

The hard-luck Bengals faced the Ravens on Thursday night with a chance to even their record at 5-5 with a critical victory over an AFC North foe that had beaten them in overtime back on Oct. 6.

Instead, the Bengals lost another wild one to the Ravens, 35-34, dropped to 4-6 and are still trying to figure out how to close out games against the league's better teams. All four of Cincinnati's wins this season came against opponents with sub-.500 records.

Burrow keeps saying the Bengals can be a play-off team, but that's looking less and less likely as they keep letting the close games slip away.

Burrow and Chase, the duo that led Cincinnati to the Super Bowl after the 2021 season, put up some eye-popping numbers, but the Bengals defense just couldn't harness Lamar Jackson and the Ravens.

Burrow and Chase connected on a 5-yard TD pass to make it a one-point game with 38 seconds left. The Bengals went for 2 points and the win, but Burrow missed tight end Tanner Hudson in the end zone. Officials didn't call

what looked on the replay like defensive holding and a defender grabbing Burrow's facemask.

"Everybody knows that we were in the game, and we had a chance to close it out," Bengals cornerback Mike Hilton said. "We just didn't, and it came back to bite us. Yeah, one of those tough losses."

**WHAT'S WORKING**

Burrow says he's playing as well as he ever has and that's hard to argue. He was battered by the Ravens pass rush, took at least 13 hits and was sacked three times but still made a lot of good throws, many of them improvised. He finished 34 for 56 for a season high 428 yards and four touchdowns, three of them to Chase. The fifth-year quarterback has thrown nine touchdown passes in the past two games, a five-day span.

**WHAT NEEDS HELP**

Cincinnati's defense held running back Derrick Henry to 68 yards, but the unit just couldn't slow down Jackson, who ran away from the pass rush and consistently found wide-open receivers. Jackson was 25 for 33 for 290 yards and four TDs and added 33 rushing yards. The Bengals gave up four-straight touchdown drives to end the game. ... The offensive line wasn't good. Without injured left tackle Orlando Brown Jr., the

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Perfect Chiefs block Broncos' field goal to escape 16-14

**BY DAVE SKRETTA ASSOCIATED PRESS**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Chiefs have won just about every way imaginable during a perfect 15-game run that dates to last season: Patrick Mahomes leading last-second touchdown drives, their defense making a stand, and Harrison Butker kicking game-winning field goals.

They added a walk-off block to the list against the Broncos on Sunday.

Leo Chenal was part of a red wave that crashed through the center of the Denver field goal unit, and the Chiefs linebacker got his hand on Wil Lutz's 35-yard attempt as time expired, allowing Kansas City to escape with a 16-14 victory.

"It's a complete shock, you know? Not much I can say about it," Chenal said. "I was really praying for something to happen.

That moment is so heavy. There's a second on the clock, they're going to kick a field goal and you feel the weight of the moment."

Chiefs coach Andy Reid indicated they took advantage of something they had seen in the Broncos' field-goal operation.

"We did," Reid said, "but it's also something we work on like crazy. It normally doesn't work quite like that one."

The Chiefs had taken the lead on Butker's field goal with 5:57 remaining, but Bo Nix and the Broncos converted a trio of third downs while marching right back down the field. They proceeded to set up Lutz for the winner, but Chenal came up the middle amid a big push by the Kansas City defensive line to get his hand on the ball squibbed away toward the Denver side-

line as the Chiefs rushed onto the field to celebrate.

"I felt like we outplayed them but we didn't finish," Broncos coach Sean Payton said. "That one will take a while. It'll sting."

Mahomes finished with 266 yards passing and a touchdown for the Chiefs, who became only the fifth Super Bowl champion to win its first nine games the next season. That also matches the best start to a season in franchise history, and their 15-game win streak dating to last season is the longest in the NFL since the Packers won 19 in a row from 2010-11.

Travis Kelce had eight catches for 64 yards and a touchdown for Kansas City. DeAndre Hopkins caught four passes for 56 yards, and Kareem Hunt was held to 35 yards rushing but also caught seven passes for 65 yards.

"Any way you win is

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

— Shawe's Justice Kuntz, Ava Flint and Maria Ameca-Mendoza each took part in the North-South Indiana Elite All-Star soccer game in Lebanon on Saturday.

The three freshmen played on the underclassman elite team. Kuntz had a goal for the South team that ended up winning 3-0. Flint played a great half in goal with three saves and held the North scoreless on the second half. Ameca-Mendoza had three breakaways.

— Southwestern's junior varsity girls basketball team rolled over Henryville 34-17 on Thursday.

Mikayla Nussbaum had 10 points for the Rebels. Annie Ford scored seven points and Chloe Sprayberry had six.

Southwestern, now 1-0, hosts Crothersville on Friday.

— Madison's jayvee girls basketball team lost 40-11 at Franklin County on Saturday.

Izzy True had five points for the Cubs while Natty Montgomery, Harli Geyman and Berlynn Conover had two points each.

Madison, now 0-1 on the season, hosts Lawrenceburg on Tuesday.







# No. 23 UK defeats Bucknell 100-72

BY AARON GERSHON  
THE CATS' PAUSE

LEXINGTON — The No. 23 ranked Kentucky Wildcats moved to 2-0 on the new campaign Saturday with a 100-72 victory over the Bucknell Bison inside Rupp Arena in the first-ever meeting between UK and Bucknell.

“This is a really proud Bucknell program,” Kentucky coach Mark Pope said. “They’ve done a great job to start the season. They’ve had a really brutal road trip. This is their third road game in a row, and they played really hard, played with a ton of guts and really helped us tonight have a great game, a great atmosphere, and for us to get challenged, to get better. Really grateful for them.

“I’m proud of our guys and what they accomplished tonight.”

**KEY RUN:** Kentucky was able to survive a sloppy final nine minutes of the first half thanks to a 17-4 run — including three-pointers by Koby Brea, Kerr Kriisa and Ansley Almonor — earlier in the half that put the Cats up 20.

**DID YOU KNOW?:** Kentucky matched its offensive rebound of seven total from its season opening win over Wright State just nine minutes and two seconds into Saturday’s contest. In total, UK grabbed 22 offensive rebounds in the win over the Bison.

“We were talking about it all week after the last game.

After the last three games, we haven’t been doing what we should be doing on the boards. So that was just emphasis in practice and even before the game today,” Almonor said post-game of UK’s improved effort on the glass.

“That’s something we wanted to go out there and dominate today and that’s what we did.”

**PLAY OF THE GAME:** Brea delivered the dagger in Saturday’s contest as he took a no-look pass from Kriisa and splashed a wide-open three to extend UK’s lead to 25 with 8:48 left to play.

**MVP:** Koby Brea.

It felt like whenever Kentucky needed to slow Bucknell’s momentum Saturday, Brea knocked down a three to slow down the Bison. On the night, the three-point specialist shot 6-for-8 from deep, 7-for-11 from the field, scored 20 points, grabbed six rebounds, dished two assists and picked up a steal.

“Koby was ridiculous again tonight,” Pope said of Brea. “I told you guys all the summer he’s the most efficient player in college basketball.”

**UNSUNG HERO:** Kerr Kriisa.

After being held scoreless in his UK debut, Kriisa scored six points as he drained a pair of three’s in Saturday’s victory while dishing 12 from his back-up point guard position and grabbing four rebounds.



Collin Chandler looks to pass along the baseline during Kentucky’s game with Bucknell on Saturday night.

**UK SCORING LEADER:** Koby Brea.

Brea’s 20 points were a team-high off the bench.

**UK ASSIST LEADER:** Kerr Kriisa.

Kriisa dished a team-leading 12 assists off the bench.

**UK REBOUND LEADER:** Amari Williams.

For a second straight game, the 7-foot Williams led UK in rebounds as he

pulled down 14 boards in the victory. He scored 13 points to log his second straight double-double.

**UK +- Champion:** Kerr Kriisa.

Kriisa gave UK a 20-point advantage off the bench Saturday.

“I feel like when I give it up (an open shot), and he (a teammate) makes it, first of all, I think the fans feel of it

that we are super together, and instead of just me being happy, my teammate will be happy too,” Kriisa said. “I love assists.”

### UP NEXT

Kentucky will have its first test of the year Tuesday against No. 7 Duke in the State Farm Champions Classic in Atlanta (**TV:** Live on ESPN at 9 p.m.).

# No. 12 Vols shut down Louisville Louisville 77-55

BY GARY B. GRAVES  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Chaz Lanier and Zakai Zeigler each scored 19 points and No. 12 Tennessee held Louisville to 27% shooting in a 77-55 rout on Saturday.

The Volunteers (2-0), who shot 57%, outrebounded the Cardinals 40-26 (28 defensively) and outscored them 40-10 in the paint in the first meeting between the schools since 2018.

Tennessee led 10-0 after five minutes and several times by at least 20 points, pulling away for the last time after Louisville (1-1) closed within 47-38 early in the second half.

Zeigler made 7 of 13 from the field, including 4 of 7 from beyond the arc. Lanier went 7-of-15 shooting and 3 of 6 from long range as Tennessee made 10 of 19 (53%) on 3s.

Reyne Smith came off the bench to score 18 points for the Cardinals,

who shot 16 of 60 for the game. That included just 10 of 39 from beyond the arc (26%).

### TAKEAWAYS

**Tennessee:** The Volunteers showed their quickness and athleticism throughout on both ends, going hard to the rim on offense and sealing off the lane defensively. They were sometimes ragged in committing 20 turnovers, but that led to just 12 points thanks to the Cardinals’ errors.

**Louisville:** The Cardinals initially struggled controlling the ball, and then it was getting off a shot against the Vols’ defense. That left them firing from long range, which often resulted in misses other than the one second-half stretch in which they closed within single digits.

### KEY MOMENT

After Louisville got within nine with 13:17 remain-

ing, Tennessee went on a 12-2 run over the next 4:12 to slam the door.

### KEY STAT

Tennessee scored 20 points off 15 Louisville turnovers.

### UP NEXT

Tennessee hosts Montana Wednesday night, while Louisville has a break before hosting crosstown Bellarmine on Nov. 19 (**TV:** Streamed live on ACCN+ at 7 p.m.).

# Calipari, Drew both in Top 25 with lots of newcomers

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — National championship-winning coaches John Calipari and Scott Drew are in similar situations, getting started this season with Top 25 teams while coaching a bunch of new players.

In Calipari’s case for his debut with 16th-ranked Arkansas, he is coaching a new team.

“This is a brand-new team that has never played together,” Calipari said.

The Razorbacks played six transfers, three who came with Calipari from Kentucky, and three freshmen in a 72-67 loss to Drew’s eighth-ranked Baylor Bears on Saturday night in a matchup of for-

mer Southwest Conference rivals at the home of the NBA’s Dallas Mavericks.

Drew had only one returning starter and nine newcomers for his 22nd season at Baylor, staying in Waco after being linked to Kentucky’s coaching vacancy last April when Calipari left after 15 seasons with the Wildcats that included a national title in 2012.

Jayden Nunn, that returning starter for Baylor, scored 16 points and had go-ahead baskets against the Razorbacks each of the three times the game was tied. The Bears (1-1) never trailed.

While struggling against the zone defense that Baylor used often,

Arkansas (1-1) was within 70-67 when freshman Boogie Fland made a 3-pointer with 24 seconds left. But the Bears then broke the press and added two free throws.

“The second half, we did some good stuff,” Calipari said. “This is November, they’re a top-10 team and we came down and gave ourselves a chance.”

The Razorbacks missed six of their last eight shots over the final six minutes of the game, though that was during a stretch when their only turnover was when transfer guard Johnell Davis got called for an offensive foul when lowering his shoulder on a drive against Duke transfer Jeremy Roach.

“Those are all cor-

rectable,” Calipari said. “We’ve got a lot work to do. I still think my team’s pretty good.”

Baylor, the 2021 national champion, was coming off a 101-63 loss at sixth-ranked Gonzaga in its season opener five nights earlier.

Drew said the second game was certainly more like Bears basketball.

“We took care of the ball, we shared it a lot more, took much better shots, defended a lot more,” Drew said. “Just across the board, it was a typical Baylor game.”

Miami transfer Norchad Omier had 15 points and 12 rebounds against Arkansas for his 69th career double-dou-

ble. Those are the most among NCAA active players, as are his 1,336 rebounds.

Baylor was the only team to play Top 25 teams in each of its first two games. The Bears shot 46.6% from the field (27 of 58), better than the 37% they did against Gonzaga in a rematch of the 2021 national championship game.

“It was very satisfying,” Nunn said. “First off, just want to thank God for helping us get through this adversity that we faced this past game, just trying to overcome that. So, it was very satisfying to get this W, for sure.”

## CHIEFS

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forcing five turnovers in a 21-9 win at Denver that ended a 16-game losing streak in the series. And they clearly had the same intention in mind as the AFC West rivals met again Sunday.

Their defense harassed Mahomes throughout the first half, particularly when an injury to Wanya Morris forced rookie left tackle Kingsley Suamataia into the game. And the Broncos capitalized on offense with two long scoring drives, the first ending with Nix finding Devaughn Vele wide open and the second with Sutton’s 32-yard TD catch for a 14-3 lead.

It was Mahomes who got the Chiefs on track, going

7 for 7 for 62 yards on the ensuing drive. When it looked as if it had stalled at the Denver 2, Reid went against his conservative nature on fourth down, and Mahomes hit Kelce for the score.

The Chiefs still trailed 14-10 at the break, meaning they had Denver right where they wanted them.

Unflappable in winning its last eight games when trailing in the second half, Kansas City closed within 14-13 on Butker’s chip-shot field goal late in the third quarter. The Chiefs defense then forced back-to-back punts, and Mahomes and the offense drove to the Denver 2, where Butker added the go-ahead kick with just under six minutes remaining.

Plenty of time for the Broncos to drive down the

field. Not enough time for them to win.

“I told our team I was proud of the way they fought. I thought we outplayed them,” Payton said. “But nonetheless, you have to beat a champion and we weren’t able to do it, so obviously gut-wrenching.”

### SWIFT RETURNS

Taylor Swift was back at Arrowhead Stadium to watch Kelce and the Chiefs just six days after turning up to see their win over Tampa Bay on Monday night. The pop superstar resumes her Eras Tour on Thursday night at Rogers Centre in Toronto.

### INJURIES

**Chiefs:** Morris hurt his knee in the first half but returned early in the fourth quarter.

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B. Approval of Minutes  
C. Review of Applications  
· Shane Calkin – C. of A. to replace the garage.  
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· Ryan Leach – C. of A. to remove and replace deck, extending it 6', and removing chain link fence and replacing with black corrugated metal privacy fence.  
Location: 708 W. Third St. Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)  
· Hanging Rock Properties – C. of A. to add transom to front door and to demolish and rebuild the rear addition.  
Location: 1122 W. Second St. Zoned: R-8 Residential Medium Density (R-8)  
D. New/Old Business  
E. Staff Report  
F. Adjournment  
G. Next Meeting: Monday, November 25, 2024, at 5:30 PM  
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# Logano wins Phoenix, claims 3rd NASCAR Cup championship

## Penske runs 1-2 for 3rd major title in month

**BY JENNA FRYER**  
AP AUTO RACING WRITER

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Joey Logano won his third NACAR Cup Series championship Sunday with a relentless drive at Phoenix Raceway that gave Team Penske its third major motorsports title in less than a month.

Logano held off Penske teammate Ryan Blaney over the final 20 laps to beat him for the series title by 0.330 seconds. Blaney was trying to become the first back-to-back champion since Jimmie Johnson won five straight from 2006 to 2010.

Instead, Logano became the 10th driver in NASCAR history to win three or more championships. Kyle Busch is the only other active driver

with multiple titles.

“I love the playoffs, I love it man,” Logano said. “What a team, what a Penske battle there at the end. Three of them? That’s truly special.”

It was the first time in Team Penske history the organization finished 1-2 in the championship. And, it came after Roger Penske’s sports car team in IMSA won the title last month and his World Endurance Championship team won the title last weekend in Bahrain.

Roger Penske said he worried in the closing laps his two drivers would crash into each other, ending the title hopes for both. He also praised longtime sponsor Shell-Pennzoil, which was on Indianapolis 500 winner Josef Newgarden’s car for his victory in May for Penske.

Penske also deferred taking too much of the credit for the team success.

“It’s all about the peo-

ple,” Penske said. “My name might be on the door, but it’s all about the people who make the difference and we sure have them on this team.”

Blaney was exhausted after the race, and despite his disappointment was thrilled for the Penske organization.

“At least a Penske car won it,” said Blaney. “They put together a great play-offs, and we’re happy. If we’re going to race somebody, I’m happy it was him for the championship, and happy to be 1-2 for Roger, three in a row for Roger, super amazing, and Ford.”

Penske and Ford have won three consecutive Cup Series championships. Logano won in 2022 and Blaney won last year.

“One-two for Team Penske, three championships in a row, can’t be more proud of this team,” Logano said. “I don’t know if I’m the best driver but I’ve got the best team. And together, we’re very

well-rounded and can show up when it matters the most.”

The finale was winner-take-all to the highest finisher between Logano, Blaney, William Byron in a Chevrolet for Hendrick Motorsports and Tyler Reddick of the 23XI Racing team owned by NBA Hall of Famer Michael Jordan and three-time Daytona 500 winner Denny Hamlin.

Byron finished third in the race and Reddick was sixth. It was Byron’s second consecutive appearance in the finale, first for Reddick.

“Makes you hungrier, but also just more experience in what it takes,” said Byron, the Daytona 500 winner. “I feel like this style of track has been tough on us, and we made a lot of strides this year, but still more to go. If we can just kind of inch up on this style of track, I know we’re so good at all the other ones, and we can put it all together.”



John Locher — staff, ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Joey Logano celebrates winning at Phoenix Raceway Sunday for his third NASCAR Cup Series Championship.**

## BURROW

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group rarely gave Burrow a clean pocket.

### STOCK UP

After not being a major factor in the Bengals’ win over the Las Vegas Raiders on Sunday,

Chase was spectacular against the Ravens, making 11 catches for a season-high 264 yards and three touchdowns.

“I would never in a million years expect me to play this well and (Burrow) to play this well and still have a record like this,” Chase said.

### STOCK DOWN

There were some curious deci-

sions made by the coaching staff. The Bengals were up 21-20 early in the fourth quarter and had the ball at the Baltimore 34-yard line with two yards to get the first down. Burrow attempted a deep pass on third down and then another on fourth down. Both fell incomplete, and the Ravens took over on downs. Then coach Zac Taylor decided to go for the 2-point conversion and the win

after the final touchdown instead of tying it with an extra-point kick and likely going to overtime.

“We came here to win,” Taylor said by way of explanation.

### INJURIES

WR Tee Higgins (quad) missed his third game.

### KEY NUMBER

912 — Yards of offense by

the Bengals in the two games against the Ravens, both one-point losses.

### NEXT STEPS

Thanks to the Thursday night game, the Bengals get a few extra days to prepare for the Los Angeles Chargers (5-3) Nov. 17. They’ll get a bye week after that before playing the Pittsburgh Steelers Dec. 1.

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# County BZA approves four applications

## Policies proposed for ATV, bike racing

**BY BOB DEMAREE**

The Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals considered four applications at its meeting Tuesday and approved a dog center and kennel, a cemetery and variances for two building structures.

A special exception for a private dog obedience/training center and kennel was granted to Trina Copeland for her property at 9609 North Copeland Ridge Road in Shelby Township.

Copeland said she has remodeled a garage where she will give private lessons and group lessons for dog training. She will also board dogs temporarily during training and provide the capacity to take care of dogs for people while on vacation.

Copeland said she has been providing dog training for 12 years at the Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds, and now wants to move the dog training to property at her home. The special exception is needed because it will have a maximum of seven dogs, three more than the maximum of four dogs allowed, and also because payment will be received for the service.

In another application, a 30-foot front of road variance was granted to build a 30-foot x 40-foot garage at 5632 West Chicken Run Road in Smyrna Township, owned by Darrell Hartung. The request was made because of slope in the land, and by moving the structure where it's closer to the road, it can sit on land that is more level. The variance is needed because the structure will be 50 feet from the center of road instead of the required 80 feet.

In other decisions, a

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— Mike Pittman

44-foot variance from the center of the road and a 12-foot variance from the east property line was approved for a proposed home on property owned by Marke and Tammy Foutch at 7506 East Riverside Drive in Milton Township. Foutch said the house will be 28-foot x 48-foot, which will be 36 feet from the center of the road instead of the required 80 feet.

In the final application, a special exception was granted for an Amish

cemetery on property owned by Reuben Hilty located at 2743 South 1100 West, Lexington, in Republican Township. Hilty proposed and was granted setting aside 1.83 acres for the cemetery.

In other business, County Surveyor Mike Pittman provided a draft of policies and procedures required for ATV and bike races in Jefferson County. He noted that Emergency Management Agency Director Matt True has indicated that

running the events draws on resources from local law enforcement and emergency medical services.

Pittman said the proposal would require race organizers to complete a form listing the location of the race, emergency planning and traffic planning.

“They actually set up a small city the weekend. They even have a portable church they bring in ... It’s quite an operation,” Pittman said. The draft proposal also provides notification of neighbors so they aren’t surprised by the event. “Right now, they don’t know the race is going on until they hear all the noise.”

In the past, there have been competitions in Jefferson County from both Indiana Cross Country Racing (IXCR) and Midwest Cross Country Racing (MWXC). Pittman said the contestants compete at an “extremely high rate of speed sometimes ... We want to tighten up our procedures to be sure everybody is safe. That’s the main thing. We want to make sure they go home in the same condition when they came here.”

Pittman said work on the policies and procedures will be done by the County Plan Commission, but said he wanted the BZA members to review the draft and provide input.

# Hanover receives two bids for sewer project

**BY BOB DEMAREE**

Hanover Town Council on Tuesday opened bids for a slip-lining project to protect the instructional integrity of the city’s sewer pipelines.

Work will focus on First Street and the river bottoms where aging clay lines are in need of repair. Slip-lining will re-line and seal the pipelines, keeping out roots that affect the flow of discharge.

The town is utilizing \$112,000 left in the town’s contingency fund from the recent sewer project with Hanover College.

Two bids were received that will be reviewed by Wessler Engineering before the town council votes on the contract. Bids were received from Insituform Technologies for \$84,079.14 and Inliner Solutions LLC for \$116,095.

Monte Gardner, project manager with Wessler Engineering, said he expects next week the town will receive a letter with recommendations finalized prior to the next town council meeting Tuesday, Nov. 19.

**“We’re inviting the public to come to the next meeting so they are informed on how that’s going work.”**

— Town Council President Debbie Kroger

inspected and repainted, which must be done about every 15 to 20 years. She said money will be invested into a certificate of deposit for the water tower so the funding will be available for the town the next time that work needs to be done.

- Superintendent of Streets and Utilities Scott Williams said fall leaf pickup began Monday and issued a reminder to not bag leaves because unbagged leaves are easier to pick up with town equipment.
- Williams said a city dump truck that has been used for salting and plowing streets is near the end of its useful life, and asked to begin the process of looking for a replacement. Board member Ben Sommer said the truck needs about \$2,000 worth of work — including brakes, batteries and exhaust — to be road-worthy and noted “it’s not worth putting that money back into it.”
- Williams said the games room addition being built at the back of the Community Building is nearly complete and needs only to finish the floor.

“It looks good,” said Council Member Treva Shelton.

The Hanover Township Trustee’s office made a \$1,500 donation towards the purchase of a ping pong table for the room.

- Shelton said water bills were mailed on time but postal delivery is running late. “I always pay the water bill by the Fourth” of each month “and I haven’t gotten it yet.” Clerk-treasurer Coby Cloud said his water bill arrived by mail on Wednesday.
- Approved hiring Trevor Smith to work for the utilities department.

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11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Dancing "500th Episode" (N)				High Pote (N)		News	
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	PBS News (N)		Roots		American Experience (N)				BBCN..	
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Murder in (N)		Accused (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19	
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	FBI (N)		FBI: Int (N)		FBI-Wanted (N)		News	
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	Conners	Sheldon	BigBa..	WWE NXT (N)	(Live)			BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..	
41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Murder in (N)		Accused (N)		News (N) (Live)		News	
A&E	28	36	Road..	Road..	Road..	Road..	Road..	Road..	Road..	Road..	Ro. Ragers (P)		Road..	
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COM	45	59	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	DailyS..	
DISC	31	38	Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshine (SP)		Game (N)		Moonshiners		Distiller	
DISN	25	29	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	
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4 WTTV	4			CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Survivor (N)			The Summit (N)			CBS4..	
5 WLWT	2			News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Chicago (N)		Chi. Fire (N)		Chicago (N)		News	
8 WISH	12			News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Sullivan's (N)		Inside the NFL		News (N)		News	
9 WCPO	23			News	World..	News	Extra	Bachelorette (N) (SF)		Abbott		Doctor Odyssey		News	
11 WHAS	11	4		News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Bachelorette (N) (SF)		Abbott		Doctor Odyssey		News	
15 WKPC	13			Ameri..	Edition	PBS News (N)		Nature (N)		NOVA (N)		Secrets (N)		BBCN..	
19 WXIX	10			FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Masked (N)		The Floor (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19	
32 WLKY	5	5		News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Survivor (N)			The Summit (N)			News	
34 WBKI	7	7		Neighb..	Conners	Sheldon	BigBa..	Sullivan's (N)		Inside the NFL		BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..	
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PARSHO	221	16		44 44 44 My Cousin Vinny (92)			44 44 44 44 Goodfellas (90) Robert De Niro.			44 Unforgiven					
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9 WCPO		23		News	World..	News	Extra	9-1-1 (N)		Dr Odyssey (N)		Anatomy (N)		News	
11 WHAS		11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	9-1-1 (N)		Dr Odyssey (N)		Anatomy (N)		News	
15 WKPC		13		Ameri..	Edition	PBS News (N)		Antiques		Doc Martin		Father Brown		BBCN..	
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**ACROSS**

1 Angry with: 2 wds.

6 Impertinence

10 Gross

14 Pre-meal prayer

15 Adorable

16 \_\_\_ the wiser

17 Ravi Shankar's specialty

18 Taken by mouth

19 Actress Barrymore

20 In-flight phone setting: 2 wds.

23 Help

24 Dove's sound

25 Rigorous

29 Pistol that squirts: 2 wds.

34 Temporary peace

35 Apple computers

36 Way to drive: Abbr.

37 Makes simpler

38 Cigarette residue

39 Dinner dish

41 Behave

42 On-\_\_\_ inspection

43 Slowly seeped

44 The \_\_\_ State (Pennsylvania)

47 Fall flowers

48 "The Office" character

49 Medical hookups: Abbr.

50 2016 Olympics city: 3 wds.

56 Bop on the head

57 Throw forcefully

58 Room and \_\_\_

61 Detest

62 "\_\_\_ upon a time..."

63 Yoga position

64 Component of steel

65 Sunset's direction

66 Merman or Waters

**DOWN**

1 Booker T. & the \_\_\_

2 Singer Grande, for short

3 Facts and figures

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**Today's Puzzle Solved**

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46 Wee bit

47 Broad street: Abbr.

49 Arm of the sea

50 Lion's sound

51 Take \_\_\_ account

52 Sixth month

53 Rainbows' shapes

54 Anchor for a hair or tooth

55 Solemn promise

56 Greek X

59 Regret

60 High-speed internet option: Abbr.

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**ACROSS**

1 \_\_\_ and water

5 Tolerate

10 Makes a mistake

14 "That's terrible!": 2 wds.

15 Singer Mariah

16 Big jump

17 End of a marathon: 2 wds.

19 Poker payment

20 Polished parts of the feet

21 Endured

23 Actor Sheridan

24 Consume

25 Give a hoot

28 Quarterback Darnold

31 Renders impure

35 All finished

36 Streetcars

38 Housing for chickens

39 Get \_\_\_ of (throw away)

40 Notable time period

41 "Dude!"

42 Opposite of loss

44 Groups of two

46 Palo \_\_\_, California

47 The I in ROY G. BIV

49 Shade of gray

50 Adolescent

51 Gloomy \_\_\_

52 NYC summer clock setting: Abbr.

54 Concrete ingredient

57 Worth a lot

62 Proclaim confidently

63 Person with a title

65 Calf-length skirt

66 Aladdin's helper

67 Designer Michael

68 "Frozen" queen

69 \_\_\_ Allan Poe

70 Swing to and fro

**DOWN**

1 Quiet

2 Canton's state

3 Actress Hathaway

4 Helpful tip

5 Most sore

6 Bit of golf equipment

7 Colored part of the eye

8 Lion's lair

9 Holes for shoelaces

10 Stretchy

11 Lease

12 Evaluate

13 Drove over the limit

18 Verbalize

22 Motorist group: Abbr.

25 Welsh \_\_\_ (herding dog)

26 Bird-related

27 Made over

29 Square footage

30 "The Sound of Music" role

32 High-minded

33 Rich cake

34 Soup utensil

37 The Red Planet

43 Lagos's land

44 Charge for mailing a letter

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45 Sanctuary for stray dogs

46 Begins an assault

48 Firearm

53 Group of two

54 Showed up

55 Wicked

56 Drugs, for short

57 Actor Rhames

58 Continent east of Europe

59 Forehead

60 Actress \_\_\_ Flynn Boyle

61 Site to sell crafts online

64 Blushing, perhaps

## Friend debates lying to creepy pal about party invite

Dear Eric: I frequently have gatherings at my house, most recently debate-watch parties. Close friends gather, have cocktails and eat snacks. This time, I decided to go for the cozy vibe and have a debate-watch pajama party. I just invited ladies.

Then a guy I dearly love asked if he could come. All the girls said they would be fine with this because he is a sweetheart and not at all likely to be lecherous and inappropriate with ladies in PJs.

Then, I got a text from another guy friend asking if I was doing anything for the debate, and I told him no. Although I love him like a cousin, he can be a bit creepy — he makes sexual comments out of the blue for no reason. Now I feel guilty about lying. Am I a terrible person?

— Debating Guest List

Dear Debating: I don't need a Quinpiac poll to tell that you are not terrible. You have the right to curate a guest list in any way you see fit. This especially applies to people who make you or your guests uncomfortable with inappropriate behavior. And you didn't owe your friend the truth if you didn't feel up to a long conversation about it.

That said, as is ideally the case with any candidate running for office, you can hold your friend accountable. If you don't like

the comments he makes, you can call it out. Hopefully he'll understand and change. Plus, his response will reflect his true character.

Dear Eric: Our son just received a birthday card from his great-aunt, which included a small amount of money. We told him to write her a thank-you card and send it to her. He asked, "Can't I just text her?" We don't know what proper etiquette is these days. Texting wasn't an option when we were growing up. We can see where the great-aunt might like having instant communication with our son (sixth grade) and his number so she can communicate with him. We also understand how it may not seem personable and do agree there is something about getting old-school snail mail. Please advise.

— Grateful

Dear Grateful: He should send a text and a thank-you note. Texting is his age-appropriate preferred form of communication. Sending a quick thanks is expedient and can help him establish a bond with his great aunt.

But it's valuable for him to learn how to write a thank-you note and when to send one. The text might be a quick appreciation, for instance, and the note can be a physical keepsake in which he tells her what he spent the money on.



R. ERIC THOMAS  
ASKING ERIC

## Son's falling-out with niece divides family

Dear Eric: My son and my niece had been friends since childhood but had a falling out about a decade ago. She confessed to him that she was cheating on her husband and thinking of leaving him and their 6-year-old daughter. My son suggested she talk to a professional before making a rash decision. She then badmouthed him to the family and stopped talking to him for years.

Her husband was also cruel to my son at the time, though he didn't know about the affair.

After a few awkward holidays, my son started to stay away if she was going to be there. This upsets me, and I keep asking him to attend. What can I do to make him let this go?

— Caught in the Middle

Dear Middle: Why should he be the one to let this go? I don't see anything about your niece or her husband trying to make amends for what they did to your son. And, from your telling, your son didn't do anything wrong. So, when you press him to come to these awkward dinners, it probably sounds to him like you're taking your niece's side.

I'd encourage you to see things from his perspective and extend compassion to him. The awkwardness is not his fault. Your niece stopped talking to him for years; her husband was cruel. I wouldn't want to eat with these people either. With all this past

unhappiness, the worst outcome would be for this disagreement to poison your relationship with your son. If you want to mend, tell him you shouldn't have been pressuring him.

Dear Eric: I am troubled by your advice to Depressed about Disorder, the woman who felt her husband's idea of a clean house was not up to her standards. Your advice: "Moreover, if you're bringing in the money to pay for [a cleaning service], your husband's veto should have no power."

What? My husband worked while I stayed home to raise our kids. We always felt his paycheck was "our money." Under no

circumstances does the wage-earner have the right to dismiss the ideas or concerns of the stay-at-home partner.

— Equal Pay

Dear Equal Pay: What a mess I've made here. Plain and simple — I chose the wrong words. I certainly don't think that one earner's paycheck entitles them to more say in a marriage or partnership. What I was trying to say — quite unsuccessfully — was that sometimes you buy yourself things to make yourself happy. But a relationship is about communication, not receipts. So, this couple needs to feel comfortable with what their money is being spent on. I didn't mean to denigrate anyone based on what they bring into the home, and I apologize that I didn't communicate that clearly.



R. ERIC THOMAS  
ASKING ERIC

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## ASTROLOGY

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — You may encounter twigs and gravel on even the smoothest path. Know that the bumps and interruptions are only temporary problems. You could be back in the clear sooner than you expect, ready for even bigger challenges.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — This is a day when you might feel energized and empowered by inspiring and creative ideas. You may easily persuade someone that your plans are feasible or convince someone to offer support in achieving your goals.

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**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — When you seek advice, or ask someone for an opinion, be prepared for an unpredictable response. An objective viewpoint might be just what you need to stay on track and think outside of the box. Criticism can be constructive and useful.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Your positive attitude could boost your reputation and make you shine in social circles. You may genuinely appreciate the finer things, so aim to have only the best of everything. You can have nice things without forgetting your goals.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Each challenge you face could seem to unlock your dedication and resourcefulness. Your hidden talents may emerge when dealing with unexpected situations. You can be daring, authentic, and independent without disqualifying anyone.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Wish upon a star and if you stay focused and take aligned action, you will go far. Be patient and don't expect instant gratification of your every hope and wish. Quiet moments in a serene place could inspire new personal improvements.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Hold on tight to the friends who share similar values. Your environment could become a great place to build new connections. You may value high-principled, inspirational material that offers a glimpse of better and updated alternatives.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Deep thinking could be your superpower. You might resonate deeply with someone's struggle, and your support may be spontaneous, sincere, and effective. Someone might offer you a chance to enjoy a few enticing activities.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Team up with those who share your vision. You may likely find that others are open to collaborate when you show enthusiasm for a topic. Friends might also have some great ideas on managing both personal and professional matters.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Under today's stars, you might gracefully agree to something. While your instincts may be spot on, and your judgement could be excellent, stay vigilant for hidden strings or potential drawbacks in upcoming opportunities.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Your romantically inclined heart may imagine a beautiful picture in even the most mundane situations. You could do many things and show off lots of accomplishments but there may be paperwork to produce, or your dreams may be irrelevant.

## ASTROLOGY

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — You may roll out the red carpet and warmly welcome those who come your way. Stay prepared to navigate shifting loyalties and unpredictable desires. Consider using your people skills to help to draw someone out of their shell.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — You are not limited by what you were told you could be. Break free of the limiting beliefs you may have been living within and take the action that suits you best. Stretch out and live beyond the borders of a pre-programmed framework.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — You might dream of finding pots of gold at the end of a rainbow but it's the hard facts that may sustain your current reality. You might be working on something huge, so keep pushing forward until it's fully clear and accomplished.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Be careful not to let your friendships drift apart. Being too caught up in your own world could make you miss out on the warmth and affection that others are waiting to share. Stay open to the possible connections around you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Collaboration will get you further than competition. Even if you don't come in first, you can still win in other ways. Consider making time for creative activities or allowing your unique talents and accomplishments to truly shine.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Learn to prioritize friendliness. You might make a lifelong friend or join a group of individuals who share similar interests. Your networking skills could lead to professional opportunities. Embrace new and exciting experiences.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Embrace the kindness of others and acknowledge their good deeds. You might find yourself on a different yet rewarding path that you never anticipated. Well-wishers could offer you fresh insights and unique perspectives.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — The urge for excitement might tempt you to shake things up. Meeting a new connection or friend could ignite a spark of personal interest. You might feel prepared to break free from repetition and dive into experiments.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Don't hesitate to connect with people with different aspirations but who still respect your views. You may remain attuned to the small details in conversation to reach a mutual understanding with someone close.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Be approachable as well as entertaining. An admirer might be captivated by your



# Madison Junior High to perform ‘Alice in Wonderland Jr.’ this week

**BY BOB DEMAREE**

More than 70 Madison Junior High School students are involved in the “Alice in Wonderland Jr.” production at Madison Consolidated High School’s Opal Sherman Auditorium on Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

The 60-minute musical is adapted from the classic animated film and the Lewis Carroll stories. It features Disney favorite songs such as “I’m Late,” “The Unbirthday Song” and “Painting the Roses Red,” with an updated script and score made specifically for young performers.

The story finds young Alice in a strange world where everything seems upside down as she must find her way home. As she travels through Wonderland, she encounters the Queen of Hearts, played by seventh grader Kate Miller, who loses a game of Simon Says to Alice. “The Queen of Hearts always wins” and didn’t like it all when Alice beat her, said Lily Wright, a seventh grader who portrays Alice. Olivia Hoffman, an eighth grader who plays the White Rabbit, a character she said is “always in hurry” with never time to meet Alice.

Other actors include Marissa Tankersley as Mathilda, Traegen Asher as Mad Hatter, Logan Dunn as Dodo Bird, Ella Guirguis as Rose, Drew Lewis as



The cast of “Alice in Wonderland Jr.” includes more than 70 Madison Junior High School students. They will perform the musical, based on the 1951 film “Alice in Wonderland” and the novels by Lewis Carroll, Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Madison Consolidated High School’s Opal Sherman Auditorium.

Doorknob, Jesselyn Goldsmith as Caterpillar, Aubrey Higgins as Small Alice, River Porter as Tall Alice, Hudson Chandler as Tweedle Dum, Elijah Baker as Tweedle Dee, Tanaya Bauer as Lily, Lorelei Comer as Petunia, Harper Baker as Daisy, Jordan Darbro as Violet, Logan Roland as March Hare, Olivia Miller as Two of Clubs, Lina Lichlyter as Three of Diamonds, Katlynn Waggoner as Four of Hearts, Ava Clearly as Ace of Spades, Timmy Kempton as King of Hearts, Jewell Blaylock and Maci Clark as friends, and Lydia Horvath, Molly Magrath and Esme Reece as the Cheshire Cat. More than 50 students are in the ensemble. Lindsay Bullock is the director.

Tickets online are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults at <https://onthestage.tickets/madison-junior-high-school-creative-dramatics>. Admission at the door is \$7 for students and \$10 for adults.

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